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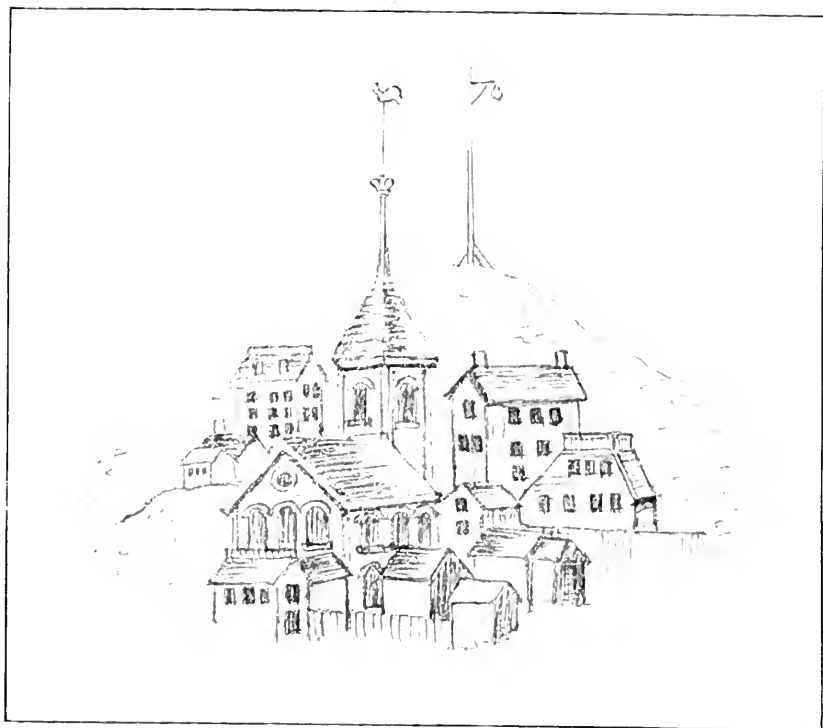
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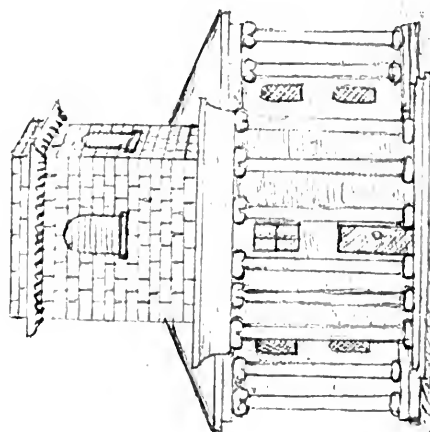
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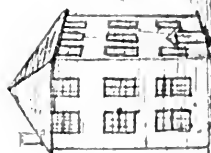
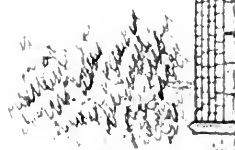
SECOND EPISCOPAL CHAPEL, 1710

[KING'S CHAPEL]

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KINGS CHAPEL BURYING GROUND
IN 1800.



KING'S CHAPEL BURYING GROUND.

This was known as the "burying-place" from the first settlement of Boston, 1630, and after the year 1660, the North burying-ground (Copp's Hill), and the South burying-ground (Granary), were established, and the "burying-place" was then known as the "old burying-place."

This ground is more interesting to the historical student than any of the other grounds of old Boston.

Here were buried nearly all of the first settlers of Boston, and many prominent men of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay.

The establishment of this ground dates from the burial of Mr. Isaac Johnson, who died in Boston on the 30th of September, 1630. Although the place of his burial is not mentioned by his contemporaries, yet Samuel Sewall told Rev. Thomas Prince that Mr. Johnson was buried in this ground. Gov. Hutchinson also states this fact in a note to his valuable history :

"1630, Mr. Johnson had chosen for his lot the square which lies between Court, Washington, School, and Common Streets. Tradition locates his house about the centre of the northeast side, near the site of the City Hall, and according to his particular desire, expressed on his death-bed, he was buried at the southwest corner of the lot, and the people exhibited their attachment to him by ordering their remains to be buried near him. This was the origin of the first burying-place."

Mr. Johnson was son of Abraham Johnson, Esq^r. of Clipsham, and his estates were in Rutlandshire, Northamptonshire, and Lincolnshire, England.

He married the Lady Arbella, daughter of the Earl of Lincoln. She died in Salem, Mass., a month before the death of her husband, and it is presumed she was buried there, but the location is unknown.

Mr. Johnson was an important man in the colony, and had great influence in all public affairs. He was chosen one of the assistants on the 13th of Aug. 1629.

Judge Samuel Sewall was born in England March 28, 1652, and came to Boston with his parents in 1661, and was 21 years old in 1673, 43 years after the death of Mr. Johnson. Mr. Sewall was therefore contemporary with the aged townsmen of Boston, who were undoubtedly at the funeral of Mr. Johnson, and knew the facts related by these witnesses.

Although there are no records of Mr. Johnson having possession of this lot, it was probably granted to him by the town, and he dying very soon after, and having no family, it reverted back to the town with no record. If that theory is correct, it would account for the same lot having been divided up to several persons, as by record in the Book of Possessions several years after.

Captain Robert Welden.—His burial in Boston is mentioned by Governor Winthrop; "Feb. 18, 1630–1. Capt. Welden, a hopeful young gentleman, and an experienced soldier died at

Charlestown of a consumption, and was buried at Boston with a military funeral."

Governor Dudley in his letter to the Countess of Lincoln, said: "Amongst others who dyed about this time, was Mr. Robert Welden, who, in the time of his sickness, we had chosen to be captain of 100 foot; but before he took possession of his place, he dyed, the sixteenth of this February, and was buried as a soldier, with three Volleys of Shott."

The encroachment made by Gov. Andros and his council, on the old burying-place in 1688, was fully consummated that year by the taking of land in the southwest corner, and laying the foundation stones the middle of October, 1688 — for the first Episcopal Chapel in New England. On March 24, 1688, a brief had been issued by authority of Gov. Andros and three members of the chapel were authorized to ask for contributions for the fund to build the chapel. The graves of the first settlers were disturbed and the stone memorials removed from the site.

Tombs were built under the wooden chapel, which was enlarged in 1710. The first mention of these tombs on the church record is the 6th of Dec., 1717, when it was voted that "Mr. Mills" and "Mr. Franklin" have liberty to build a tomb under the east end of the chapel.

This vote means Rev. Samuel Myles, the rector, who died March 17, 1727/8, and Sir Henry Frankland, Baronet, who succeeded to his brother's title in England, in 1747. He was an influential and wealthy townsman, and was made collector of the Port of Boston in 1741, by Gov. Shirley. He died in Bath, England, Jan. 11, 1768. It is not known how many more tombs were built under the reconstructed chapel, but it is known that Mrs. Frances Shirley, wife of Gov. Shirley and their daughter were buried in one of these tombs.

By the vote of the proprietors of Kings Chapel, April 1, 1771, "that John Erving Esq^r. have liberty to bury the body of Lieut. Gen. (Gov.) Shirley, family or descendants in tomb No. 18, under the Chapel." Mr. Charles Apthorp, who died the 11th of Nov., 1758; Mr. Samuel Vassel of London, England; and Mr. William Price who died 19th May, 1772, aged 87 years, and some of the pastors of the chapel were buried in the tombs made under the third or stone chapel.

It is certain that there were a number of tombstones under the wooden chapel, when in 1748, the selectmen gave orders that the floor of the new chapel should be six feet high from the ground, to allow free entrance to those having relatives buried there, and to keep the stones and monuments from being destroyed while building within and without.

From the plan of tombs under Kings Chapel made August 26, 1813, it is shown that there are ten tombs on the north side of the crypt, numbered from one to ten, and ten tombs on the south side numbered from eleven to twenty, also a large tomb under the tower. All of these tombs are now closed to future interments, under an Act of 1890, chapter 190, and the entrances to each were sealed by a solid brick wall.

KING'S CHAPEL BURIAL GROUND

1630.

HERE WERE BURIED

JACOB SHEAFE, 1658. JOHN WINSLOW, 1674.

MARY CHILTON, 1679

A PASSENGER IN THE MAYFLOWER
AND WIFE OF JOHN WINSLOW.

MAJOR THOMAS SAVAGE, 1682.

LADY ANDROS, 1688.

CAPT. ROGER CLAP, 1690. THOMAS BRATTLE, 1713.

PROFESSOR JOHN WINTHROP, 1776.

JAMES LLOYD, 1831. CHARLES BULFINCH, 1844.

CAPTAIN ROBERT KEAYNE,
FIRST COMMANDER OF THE
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY,
1638.

KING'S CHAPEL BURIAL GROUND

1630.

HERE WERE BURIED

GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN WINTHROP, 1649. JOHN ENDECOTT, 1665.

JOHN LEVERETT, 1679. WILLIAM SHIRLEY, 1771.

LIEUT. GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, 1827. THOMAS LINDALL WINTHROP, 1841.

GOVERNORS OF CONNECTICUT

JOHN WINTHROP, 1676. FITZ-JOHN WINTHROP, 1707.

JUDGES OF MASSACHUSETTS

WAIT STILL WINTHROP, 1717. ADAM WINTHROP, 1743.

OLIVER WENDELL, 1818. THOMAS DAWES, 1825.

MINISTERS OF BOSTON

JOHN COTTON, 1652. JOHN DAVENPORT, 1670.

JOHN OXENBRIDGE, 1674. THOMAS BRIDGE, 1715.

WILLIAM DAWES, JR.
PATRIOT AND SON OF LIBERTY.
APRIL 6, 1745. FEB. 25, 1799.
THIS TABLET PLACED BY THE CITY, 1901.

FROM THE TOWN AND SELECTMEN'S RECORDS.

29 day of 6th moneth 1642. It's Ordered that the Constables shall, with all convenient speed, take care for fencing in the burying place.

The Book of Possessions.

Thomas Scotto his possessions within the limits of Boston. 1. One house and garden bounded with the burying place on the west; Henry Messenger north; the streete south; and M^r. Hutchinson east.

This 31st of 1st mo., 1645.

It's agreed with Thomas Scotto, of this Towne, for his Dwelling howse, and yard, and garden in this Towne, sold and delivered unto the select men afforesaid for the Towne use, with all the appurtenances thereof, and groweths thereupon, and benefits ~~that~~ doe or may arise by vertue thereof, bounded with the Lands of Henry Messinger towards the North; with the Land of M^r. Richard Hutchinson towards the East; with the Comon street towards the South; with the Burying place towards the west, and all for the sume of fifty-five pounds.

NOTE.—Thomas Scottow, joiner, in February, 1664, was appointed to superintend the graves, gate and fence of the old burying-place. His house and garden adjoined the old burying-place on the east.

30: 9: 1657.

Itt is agreed with Capt. Savage that for the preserving the fence aboutt the burying place and maintaining the fence, in good condition from time to time hee shall enjoy the use of said ground for twenty yeares leaving the same in good repayer att the end of twenty yeares.

20. 6. 1660.

Itt is ordered that the old burying place shall nott bee broken up any more withoutt leave of some two of the select men first obtained.

5. 9. 1660.

Itt is ordered that the old burying place shall bee wholly deserted for some convenient season, and the new places appointed for burying onely made use off.

March 12th. 1676 77.

Lett to Ephraim Sauage the Herbage of the old buryinge place, for 14 yeares he makeinge & maintaininge a suffittient fence about it.

15 March 1679.

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Voted y^t the Selectmen agree with & make satisfaction to those to whome the buryinge places are leased out, to take care that the fences of them be kept well repaired & y^t noe Cattle be suffred to feed in them.

July 21st 1702.

Mr. Rob^t Gibbs, Rich^d Draper John Barnerd. & Joseph Prout do manifest their approbation of M^r. Henry Dereing's making a Tomb in the Old burying place at the place where his relations are burried. July 21.

June 30th 1704.

Mesures John Marryon Dan^{ll}. Oliver, Thom^s. Fitch & Joseph Prout declare their Consent. that in the Old burrying place there be a Tombe made for Coll. Page to burry his deceased wife in.

June 14. 1708.

The Select men have Lett unto James Williams the grass in the old burrying place for this Summer he paying for the Same 30./

July 17 1710.

Voted That. Cap^t Ephraim Savage is desired to imploy Some meet person to repaire the fence of the Old burying place & to make ye Same next the High way (where it is nee full.) on foot Higher than now it is.

July 17 1710.

Voted. a grant to Cap^t Ephraim Savage of the Grass in the Old burying place for this Sumer he paying for the Same the Sume of fifteen Shillings.

p^d by his acco^t page 291.

The Chapel was enlarged to twice its original size in 1710, and more land from the old burying place on the north and east of the chapel was taken (as shown by the following record), and more graves and more memorial stones removed.

At a Meeting of y^e Sel men Aug 7th 1710.

The Select men do agree to Appoint a Town meeting on Monday the 14th of Aug. cur^t at Nine of y^e Clock in y^e fore noon to consider of, agree and determine on, what they Shall think proper. and Expedient Relating to a motion or request of the Hon^{ble} Coll. Francis Nicholson, together with y^e minist^{rs}. Church wardens and others of the Church of England in Boston, desireing a grant of Land in ye old burying place of fifteen foot wide on the North Side of y^e Church, for y^e Enlargement therof on that Side, and ten foot in breadth on ye Easterly end there of as more fully Set forth by y^m in writeing.

14th Octo^r 1710

A motion or Request in writeing being presented and distinctly Read at this Meeting & is as followeth, viz^t.

"The Request of the Hon^{ble} Coll^o Francis Nicholson together with the Ministers, Church Wardens, and others of the Church of England in Boston Sheweth.

That the Church. being too Small to accomodate the congregation and Strangers that dayly Increase. And are desireous to Enlarge the Same with the Approbation of the Select men and Inhabitants, but wanting Ground on the North Side and East End, Request that they may have a Grant of fifteen foot wide on the North Side and Seventy four foot in Length, And ten foot at the East end of the Church in Length which is included in the S^d Seventy four foot. Resserveing the Same Liberty too all persons who have had friends buried in Said Ground which they Enjoyed heretofore. Which Request being granted Shall be ever Acknowledged, &c."

Voted. a grant to the S^d Gentlemen of their abovesaid Request.

June y^e 18 1711

Voted, That Capt Eph^m Savages acco^t. of eight Shill by him Expended on fence, &c. at ye Old burying place be accepted in Leiw of ye grass let to him ye 17th July 1710 page 231.

Feb. 11, 1711.

Voted That a convenient number of Trees be provided to plant on the sides of each burying place where it Shall be thought proper, and that Mr. Dan^l. Oliver Speak to Mr. Oliver Wiswell to provide y^e Same.

Aprill 16, 1711.

Liberty is granted too Mr. John Pool to make a Toomb in the Old burying place there where his Relations are buried.

Sept. 26, 1711.

Liberty is granted to Isaac Adington Esq^r to the children of Capt. Nath^l. Green, deceased, and to Mr. John Colman, to break ground in to Old burying place to make three Tombs Vizt. one for each family.

Nov. 16, 1714.

Liberty is granted by y^e Sel. men, unto Jon^a Waldo to Make a Toomb for his family in the Old burying place to Stand next to Doct^r. Cooks fence.

16 May, 1715.

Liberty is granted to Major Thomas Fitch, to make a Toomb for his family in the Old burying place on y^e Easterly Side, Next to Doct^r Cooks Land, & next adjoining to y^e Toomb of Isaack Addington Esq^r. Deceased.

June 21, 1715.

Liberty is granted to Mr. Thomas Walker to make a Tomb in the Old burying place, at the Easterly Side there of between the Tombs of Major Thom^s Fitch Mr Jon^a Wald^s.

At a meeting of the Sel-men ye 14th of May 1717. .

At a motion of Mesu^{rs} Abraham Francis and — Fairwether for Liberty to Erect a Toomb in the Old Burying place. Liberty is granted to them the S^d Francis & Fairwether to make and erect a Toomb at the Easterly Side of ye S^d burying place next unto that of m^r Jonathⁿ Waldo^s. Provided they carry up the Easterly end thereof wth a Brick wall in conformity to those Toombs there of Mesu^{rs} Davenports Fitch's & Walkers there.

At a meeting of y^e Select men Octo^r 28th 1717.

Liberty is granted to m^r Elias Callender to make a Vault in the Old burying place in the Spot of grownd where his relations are buried, Provided no Monument above ground over the Same be there raised.

26 May 1718.

Agreed that William Yong is to pay fifteen Shillings for his Cow^s grazing in the Old Burying place the Last Summer.

At a Meeting of the Sel-men Octo^r 26, 1719.

Liberty is granted to Will^m Hutchinson Esq^r & Mr. F^r Brinley to Make a Toomb in y^e Old burying place in that Spot where m^r. Brinley's Relations were formerly buried for. y^e Interring y^e Seigneur of y^e family there.

At a Meeting of the Select men the 29th of Feb^{ry} 1719/20.

Liberty is granted to m^r. Thomas Dawes to Erect a Toomb in the Spot of ground where his Relations w^r buried in y^e Old burying place.

29 Feb. 1719/20.

M^{rs}. Susanna Jacobs hath liberty granted to her to Erect a Toomb in y^e Old burying place nigh the School House.

Feb. 23 1736.

John Jeffries Esq^r. desires to hire the Herbage of the Old burying place, Capt. Armitage Signifying his Willingness to resign it in May next.

June 22 1737.

Upon a motion of m^r. James Townsend Praying for Liberty to Erect a Tomb in the Old burying place where, are two brick Graves belonging to his Family.

Voted, That Capt. Armitage and Capt. Lyman be desired in View the Place, consider the Motion and Report thereon.

June 27 1737.

Capt. Armitage and Capt. Lyman Reporting upon the Motion and desire of m^r. James Townsend as Entre'd the 22^d of June instant. It was Accordingly

Voted, That Liberty be Granted to mr. James Townsend to Erect a Tomb in the Old Burying place, where there are Two Brick Graves belonging to the Family of Townsend and Davenport.

Mar. 12 1738.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Liberty, at their own Cost and Charge to Erect and Build a Row of Tombs, and to Raise a good Brick Fence in Front of the Old Burying Place, abutting on Tremount Street they and their Heirs or Assigns Always keeping the same in Sufficient Repair.

Read — After some Debate thereon —

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted, Upon Condition that the said Work be carried on, and perform'd in a way and manner agreeable to, and according to the Orders and Directions of the Select Men who are also hereby Impowered to Grant and A/sign the Tombs when Erected to the several Grantees they giving sufficient Assurance to the satisfaction of the Select Men, that they, their Heirs or Assigns Shall keep, uphold and maintain the said Brick Wall and Tombs in good, and sufficient Repair, from time to time, and at all times hereafter to the approbation of the Select Men of the Town for the Time being.

JACOB WENDELL,	SAMUEL BRIDGHAM,
H. HALL,	JOHN GOLDTHWAIT,
WILLIAM TYLER,	WILLIAM FAIRFIELD,
JOS: MARION,	STEPH. BOUTINEAU,
ISAAC GRIDLEY,	SAMUEL TYLER,
BENJAMIN HALLOWELL,	JOHN KNEELAND, JUNR.
JOHN TRAIL,	DANIEL BELL,
JOHN DENNIE,	JAMES DAVENPORT,
JOHN TYLER,	JOSHUA BLANCHARD,
BENJAMIN CLARK,	JACOB PARKER.

March 21, 1738.

Whereas a Petition of sundry Inhabitants was presented to the Town, at their Annual Meeting the 12th of March current — Praying for Liberty at their own Cost and Charge to Erect and Build a Row of Tombs and raise a good Brick Fence in the Front of the Old Burying place, abutting on Treamount Street — they and their Heirs or Assigns always keeping the Tombs and Brick fence in sufficient Repair. The Prayer whereof was accordingly Granted, Upon Condition that the said Work, be carried on and Effectuated in a Way and manner agreeable to the

Select men. Who are also to Assign the Tombs when Erected to the Grantees taking Caution, for their performance as above — And mess^{rs}. Blanchard, Parker, and Kneeland, Appearing desire the Select men would please to give them Directions for their proceeding in the said Work that it may be began as soon as may be,

The Select men taking the Motion under Consideration, They direct and order as follows — Viz^t.—

That the Street be not broken up, or dug, for carrying on the Work more than One half of the length of the Brick Wall proposed, at One time, the Work of which half shall be finished and the Street made good again before the other half be dug up.

That the same be inclosed with a Fence while the said Work is doing. That the Dirt or Earth dug up every Day shall be Carried away the same Day.

That the Bricks and Lime be laid so as not to incumber or incommodate the Street. That a sufficient Number of Hands shall be employ'd in the Work so as to Compleat and finish the said half within Four Weeks, and the whole within Two months from the Time When the Work shall be begun.

And When the Work shall be begun, it shall not be left until the whole of it be finished to the Satisfaction of the Select men. That the Foundation of the Brick Wall or Fence be laid with Stone, and continued One Course above the Pavement of the Street, the said Brick Wall to be Thirteen Inches thick with Pillars on the inside thereof between every Tomb. That a good Stone Wall be made on the back of the Tombs the Arches of the Tombs to be turn'd with a Wall of Thirteen Inches thick, the top whereof is to lye One foot at the least below the Top of the Pavement. The Heighth of the Wall to be as the Committee of the Select men shall direct.

Voted, That the H^{on}. John Jeffries, Esq^r. Cap^t. Armitage and m^r. Clarke be a Committee to take the Oversight of the said Work, until the same shall be Completed and finished.

May 24 1738

The Hon. John Jeffries Esq^r, Desires he may have the Herbage of the Old Burying place for the Year Current.

May 29 1738

Voted, That the Herbage of the Old Burying place be, and hereby is Let, to the said John Jeffries Esq^r. at the rent of Thirty Shillings p Annum.

Sept. 20 1738.

M^r Daniel Bell Desires Liberty of a Tomb in the Old Burying place, amongst the New Tombs there to be made and also that he may have liberty of Building it himself.

Jan. 28 1739.

Voted, That the Herbage of the Old Burying place be Let to the Hon. John Jeffries Esq^r. for the year ensuing, Viz^t. 1740. At the price it was let for the last year, Vizt. Thirty Shillings.

July 51 1739.

Mess^{rs}. Parker & Blanchard appear'd and Informs That, Deacon Samuel Bridgham desires Liberty to Erect a Tomb within the Old Burying place, in Order to Interr therein his Relatives which now lye buried near together in said Burying place.

Voted, That the Hon. John Jeffries Esq^r. Cap^t Armitage, m^r Collson and m^r Clarke be a Committee to Consider of this affair, to View the place, and to give Liberty therefor, Provided they do not see any inconvenience therein.

March 10 1739

A, Petition of John Chambers, and Others, Grave Diggers, presented to the Select Men, Representing that the Old and South Burying Places, are so filld with Dead Bodies they are Obliged Oft times to Bury them four deep.—Praying it may be laid before the Town, for their Consideration — Read.

Voted, That the Consideration of this Affair be Referr'd to the Select Men, Who are Desired to Report to the Town at the next General Town Meeting, What they may think proper for to be done thereon.

April 8 1741

Ordered, That m^r Savell, desire m^r Joshua Blanchard & Company, who Undertook the Building of the Tombs in the Old Burying place, in Treamount Street, to be here next Wednesday in Order to the Settling and disposition of the Tombs.

NOTE.—The third King's Chapel was built between the years 1749 and 1753, and the corner-stone was laid by Governor Shirley. The roof of the new chapel was built over the second chapel, and services were continued in the second chapel until the walls and roof were all up, when the congregation attended Trinity Church until the wooden church was taken down and out of the stone chapel, when the chapel was completed and the first service was held there on August 21, 1754.

On March 14, 1747, the officers of King's Chapel asked the town for more land on the north and east of the chapel from the old burying place. But it was not until 1749 that, after considerable controversy between the wardens of the chapel and selectmen, more land was granted to them from the old burying place on the north and east from the chapel, and the site of the first Latin school-house on the east. More graves and tombs were disturbed, and the remains and monuments were removed. The following record from the town records gives the history of building the present King's Chapel :

March 15 1747.

The Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens & Vestry of King's Chappel in Boston, in behalf of themselves, and the Congregation that usually Attend the Publick Worship of God there, Setting forth that said Chappel, which has been constantly Improved for the Public Worship of God, for about Sixty Years past is in many parts of it Rotten and greatly decayed, and almost rendered unfit for that Service any longer, and said Congregation out of Regard to the Honour of God and for their own Edification being very desirous than the Public worship of God should be still supported and carried on in said Place, have determin'd to Rebuild said Charg, and make it some what larger, and more Commodious than it now is, but apprehend they shall be greatly Streightened for want of a little Ground at the east End of said Church that leads into the Burial place, the Pet^rs pray the Town will be pleas'd to Grant to said Church so much of their Land Eastward as will make the same Regular & Commodious, or if the Town think best that they would Appoint a Committee to consider of this Petition, View the premises & Report to the Town what is best to be done as to granting the Prayer thereof, was Read — And after some Debate thereon, it was Voted that the Hon^{ble} Andrew Oliver Esq^r. Thomas Hancock Esq^r, Mr. Jeremiah Allen, Mr. Middlecott Cooke, the Hon^o Jacob Wendell Esq^r Mr. Thomas Greene & Mr John Tyng be & hereby. they are appointed a Committee to consider of said Petition, View the Premises Consider the Circumstances of the same and Report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting whether it will be best, for the Town to Grant the Prayer thereof.

Monday March 28 1747

The Committee appointed the 14th. Instant to Consider of the Petition of the Minister Church Wardens and Vestry of Kings Chappel in Boston, for Granting 'em. a peice of Land to enlarge said Chappel, Reported, — That they had met the Pet^{rs}. but done nothing thereon, they being desirous to withdraw their Petition, and several of the Pet^{rs} being now present and moving that they may have Liberty to withdraw their Petition, It was Voted that they have Liberty to with draw their Petition accordingly.

March 31st, 1748.

The Petition of a Number of the Congregation of Kings Chappel, praying the Select men would call a Town Meeting as soon as conveniently may be for the Grant of a peice of Land at the East end of the said Chappel to Enlarge the same &c. was read and is as follows, Vizt.

Boston, March 29th, 1748.

Gentle men

You may remember that at the General Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston the third Tuesday of March instant, we preferr'd a Petition, praying for the Grant of a peice of Land belonging to the Town to the East-ward of Kings Chappel, in order to enlarge the same, and the Town so favourably received it as to appoint a Committee to View the premises & Report to the Town whether it would be best to grant the same, and they accordingly met, Viewed the Land petitioned for, and heard us upon our Petition, and in general apprehend it would be no prejudice to the Town to grant us what we desired, but judged we had not sufficiently Express'd in said Petition, and prefer another which by leave of the Town we accordingly did & have now another ready to present to the Town that fully Expresses the Contents of the Land we desire to have granted us. We would therefore pray you, Gentlemen will be pleased to call a Town Meeting as soon as conveniently may be, in Order to Consider, of our Petition, and we are Sorry we should give the Town this Trouble of having a Meeting on Purpose for this affair but as there is an absolute Necessity for it, said Chappel being much gone to decay, & must be rebuilt or repaired this Summer and materials must soon be provided for it, & were we to tarry till May Meeting it would be too late, We there fore hope you'll grant the request of Gent^l. your Hum^{ble} Servants

SHRIMPTON HUTCHINSON,
JAMES GORDON,
ROBT. AUCHMUTY,
JOHN GIBBINS,
SILV. GARDINER,
POWERS MARIOT,
JOHN READ,

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON,
JOHN BOX,
CHARLES APTHORP,
HENRY LLOYD,
GEORGE CRADOCK,
J. OVERING,
JAMES FORBES,
THOMAS HAWDING.

The Select men taking the same into Consideration and thereupon, Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified, rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Fanenil Hall on Monday the fourth day of April next at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then & there to Consider if a Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of Kings Chappel for granting them a peice of Land at the East end of said Chappel on part whereof the Latin School now stands, in order to enlarge the same, and also to Consider if the Proposals that may be made by the Petitioners for Purchasing a peice of Land, and Erecting a new School house at their Expense, in Consideration of said Grant.

Monday the fourth day of April A D 1748

This Meeting being called to consider of the Petition of the Minister, Church wardens & Vestry of Kings Chappel for granting 'em a peice of Land at the East end of said Chappel on part whereof the Latin School now stands in order to Enlarge the same, and of the proposals of said Pet^{rs}. for Purchasing a peice of Land & Erecting a New School house at their Expençe in consideration of said Grant:— The Gent^{rn} who Petitioned for this Meeting being present, desired the Town would not at this time proceed thereupon, but prayed they might have Liberty to withdraw their said Petition for the Grant of said Land &c^a where upon. It was Voted, that the Petitioners have Liberty to withdraw their said Petition and they accordingly withdrew the same. —

April 6th 1748.

The Petition of the Hon^{ble} Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r. and others a Number of the Congregation of Kings Chappel praying the Selectmen would call a Town Meeting as soon as conveniently may be for the Grant of a peice of Land at the East end of the said Chappel to Enlarge the same &c, as Enter'd the 31st of March last:— Read and the former Order for a Town Meeting be set aside.

Ordered. That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town, duly Qualified rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the eleventh day of April instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Consider what is necessary further to be done for the Regulation of Faneuil Hall Market. Also to consider the petition of the Minister, Church Wardens, & Vestry of Kings Chappel, for granting 'em a peice of Land at the East end of said Chappel, in order to enlarge the same (the Latin School standing on part thereof) and of the Proposals that may be made by the Petitioners for Purchasing a peice of Land, and Erecting a New School house at their Expençe, in Consideration of said Grant.

Monday the Eleventh day of April A. D. 1748.

The Petition of the Minister Wardens and Vestry of Kings Chapple in Boston in behalf of themselves and the Congregation that usually attend the Publick Worship of God there, setting Forth That said Chapel which has constantly been Improved for the Public Worship of God for about Sixty Years past is in many Parts of it Rotten & greatly decayed, & almost rendered incapable for that Service any longer, and said congregation out of Regard to the Honour of God and for their Edification being very desirous that the Public worship of God should be still Supported and Carried on in said Place, have determined to Rebuild said Church and make it some what larger more Comodious and Regular than it now is but apprehend they shall be greatly Straitened for want of Ground at the East End of said Church to Effect the same — Your Petitioners therefore pray the Town would be pleased to Grant to said Church 34 foot Eastward for the Body of said chapel at 10 foot for a Chancel in order to enlarge the same into a Regular and Commodious Building and whereas the Town has a School house upon part of the Land which your Pet^{rs} Request, It is therefore humbly proposed in consideration of the Grant hereby Request, that the Pet^{rs}. do Purchase and make over to the Town a Peice of Ground at the upper End of the Lane or Passage fronting the present School house of like Dimensions with the present, the said Petitioners not to dig or open any Ground which the Additional Building shall cover, excepting to lay the Foundation, nor at any time to exclude those who have vaults or Tombs within the requested Limits to have free access to them — Your Pet^{rs}. apprehend that the said Grant will be no detriment to the Town as the present School house is much decayed in many parts defec-



JOHN WINSLOW TOMB
(Mary Chilton.)

COL. THOMAS DAWES TOMB.

MAJ. WILLIAM DAWES, JR. TOMB.

tive, and will in a Short Space of time require to be New Built, and as the place now proposed for the School neither has nor can possibly have any Contiguous Building being Eighty eight foot and Seventy seven foot wide, has a free Air a pleasant Assent & Capable of a Southerly Highway to it from Bromfields Lane which if it be thought necessary the Petitioners have a reasonable Prospect of Obtaining, is very near to School Street, and yet agreeably Retired. The Town will have a larger Peice of Ground to Accomodate the School, The Chapel aforesaid and other Neighbouring houses will be less in danger from Fire and such accidents The Town Receive a New Ornament in the Buildings proposed, and all to be effected at the charge of the Petiti^{rs} and other such well disposed persons as shall think proper to contribute to the same, for a clearer View of what your Pet^{rs} hereby Request we Refer to the Platts of the Ground and the Buildings annexed, Hoping the Town upon the considerations abovesaid will grant the said Petition—was Read, and after some Debate thereon—

It was Moved Seconded & Voted that

The Hon^{ble} ANDREW OLIVER Esq^r
 JOHN STEEL Esq^r
 THOMAS HANCOCK Esq^r
 MR JOHN TYNG
 MR EDWARD BROMFIELD
 JOHN FAYERWEATHER Esq^r &
 MR HUGH VANS

be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to prepare the form of a Vote in answer to the said Petition with such Conditions and Reservations annexed to it as said Committee shall think necessary and proper and they are desired to Report hereon at the intended Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 18th Inst at nine o'Clock in the forenoon.

Meeting, 18th April 1748

The Town Mett according to their Adjournment

The Committee appointed the 11th instant to prepare the form of a Vote, in answer to the Petition of the Wardens & Vestry of King's Chapel, — praying for a peice of Ground in order to Enlarge the Church, Reported that they had Maturely considered the Affair and agreed to Offer the following Draft to the Town, Viz^t.

That the Selectmen be Impowered to make a legal Conveyance in behalf of the Town to the Petitioners of the several Peices of Land and of the Priviledge, hereafter mentioned upon their first Complying with or Satisfying the Selectmen with Respect unto the Terms and Conditions herin Required of them Viz^t. a Peice of Land Fronting on School Street extending Thirty feet on said Street from the East end of King's Chappel and includes the Passage way into the Burying Ground, and the westerly part of the School house and of the Yard thereto belonging measuring Thirty Seven feet back from the said Street together with the old School house and other Buildings belonging to it, being partly on the premisses and partly on the Towns Land Adjoyning to be Removed when the Town shall Require it at the Expence of the Pet^{rs}., Also a Strip of Land Thirty feet in Length and four feet wide. extending from the Northeast Corner of the old Chappel upon a Line with the North Side of said Chappel in order to Erect thereon part of the Walls of the proposed New Church, also another Strip of Land of said Wedth Adjoyning to and turning upon a Right Angle with the former, thence running until it meets the larger Peice herein first proposed to be granted, saving a passage way of Six feet wide in the last mentioned Strip thro the Walls of the New Church in some convenient Place between the Northeast Corner and the Chancel herein after mentioned which Entrance shall be at least Six feet high leading into a Peice of Burying Ground belonging to the

Town, which Peice measures twenty five feet North and South and twenty feet East & west, also another Peice of Land in form of half Oval Adjoyning Easterly upon the beforementioned proposed Grants and extending fifteen feet North, and as much South from the Middle of the Eastermost Line thereof, and to extend ten feet further East in its extreme distance from said Middle Point being for the proposed Chancel, provided there shall be Still left a Passage way of at least Eleven feet in the Narrowest part between said Chancel & Mr Cookes line into the Burying Ground; provided also that the Bodys of those who shall be known to lye in the said Strips of Land or within the said half oval Peice shall be decently taken up and buried in some other part of the Burying Ground with the consent of their Friends, and in such manner as they with the Selectmen shall agree to and direct or where no Friends shall appear. they shall be Removed, as they shall be removed as the said selectmen shall direct at the charge of the Petitioners.

Also a privilege to Extend their New Building over the aforesaid peice of Burying Ground lying to the Northward of the present School house and measuring 25 feet by 20 as before Expressed : provided they do not carry the floor of the Church or otherwise Incumber the same within eight feet of the Surface of the Earth as it now lyes, and that no Monuments or Grave Stones either within or without the Building be destroyed or if accidentally broken in carrying on the work be repaired at the charge of the Petitioners : unless they shall agree with the Friends of those who may lye Buried in said Peice of Ground, or where no Friends Appear with the Selectmen to Remove the Bodys in manner as is herein provided for the other Dead Body's before mentioned then and in such case the Selectmen. be Impowered likewise to convey to the Pet^{rs}. said Peice of Burying Ground and the Entrance into it herein before Reserved.

That in consideration of the proposed Grants before mentioned the Petitioners shall procure and cause a legal Title to be made to the Town of a Certain Peice of Land over against the present Grammar School now in the Occupation of the Widow Green and others measuring $34\frac{1}{2}$ feet or thereabouts on School Street and running 97 feet back more or less, bounded on the West by Col^o Wendells Land, and Easterly on a passage way leading to the house where Mr Guntor now dwells, together with the privilege of said Passage way forever, saving to the Petitioners a Liberty of Removing if they see good the Buildings now upon said Land, when Required by the Selectmen — said Petitioners likewise to Erect upon said Land a New School house of like Dimensions and accomodations with the present and finish the same in like decent manner to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen unless the Pet^{rs} should propose a Sum of money to the Acceptance of the Town, instead of Erecting the said Building.

All of which is humbly Submitted in the Name and by order of the Committee.

Boston 18th April 1748

AND^R OLIVER.

Which Report being Read and a long Debate had thereon, It was Moved and Seconded that the following Question may be put viz^t, whether the Town have Power in this Meeting to Appropriate or Dispose of the Land on which the South Latin School stands to any other use than for a School, the Vote of the Town of the 14th 1 mo. 1655 as Entered in the Town Records notwithstanding, and the same being accordingly put, — It was Voted in the Affirmative —

And then on a Motion made and Seconded the following Question was put viz^t. Whether the Town have power to Accept of the said Report of the Committee, the province Laws of the fourth William and Mary, Entitled an act for Regulating Townships, choice of Town officers and setting forth their Power the Twelfth of Queen Ann, Entitled an act directing how Meetings of proprietors of Lands lying in common may be called, which have been now Read notwithstanding, and it was

Voted in the Affirmative. And then it was proposed & seconded, that the following Question may be put Viz^t. Whether the said Draft of a Vote as prepared by the Committee be Accepted, — Whereupon, it was Moved, that the Vote of Acceptance of said Draft may be Determined by a written Vote and that those persons that are for Accepting said Draft & passing it as the Vote of the Town be directed to write Yea, and those that are not for it write Nay and the Question being put, Whether it should be thus determined by a written Vote, — It passed in the Affirmative — And thereupon the Inhabitants were directed to bring in their Votes in writing, and such of 'em as were for Accepting of Said Draft of a Vote as prepared by the committee and passing the same as the Vote of the Town in Answer to said Petition were desired to write Yea, and such as were not for Accepting it to write Nay, And the Inhabitants proceeded to bring in their Votes, & when the Selectmen were Receiving 'em at the Door of the Hall they observed one of the Inhabitants Viz^t. John Pigeon to put in about a dozen with the word Yea wrote on all of 'em and being charged with so doing he acknowledged it, & was thereupon ordered by the Moderator to pay a Fine of Five Pounds for putting in more than one Vote according to Law, and the Moderator thereupon Declared to the Inhabitants that they must withdraw and bring in their Votes again in manner as before directed, and the Inhabitants accordingly withdrew and the Votes being brought in and Sorted it appeared that there was Four hundred and two Voters and that there was, Two hundred and five Yeas & One hundred & Ninety-seven Nays Whereupon, it was declared by the Moderator, that the said Form of Vote was Accepted and Passed by the Town accordingly.

Then the Meeting was Dismissed.

April 22^d. 1748.

This Day, Charles Apthorp Esq^r. Treasurer of Kings Chappel in Boston, George Cradock, Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r., Dr. John Gibbins, Dr. Silvester Gardiner and Mr. Thomas Hawding a Committee of said Chappel attended the Select men and informed that they were appointed a Committee by the Proprietors &c., of Kings Chappel to wait on the Select men in order to Comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Grant of a peice of Land on part whereof the Latin School now stands, made to the said Chappel by the Town at their Meeting the Eighteenth instant, for to Enlarge said Chappel, and presented the Select men with a Vote pass'd by said Proprietors relating to the same which is as follows, Viz^t.

At a Meeting of the Proprietors and Subscribers for rebuilding King's Chappel in Boston on 22^d, April, 1748.

Voted Unanimously. That they Accept of the Towns Land Voted to them on Monday the Eighteenth instant, also Voted, That Charles Apthorp Esq^r. Treasurer to the said Subscribers George Cradock, Esq^r. Eliakim Hutchinson Esq^r. Dr. John Gibbins, Dr. Silvester Gardiner and Mr. Thomas Hawding be a Committee and they are hereby impowered to do an Act everything necessary towards Compleating the Agreement between the Select men and the Petitioners of Kings Chappel, relating to said Chappel.

To the Select men of Boston now sitting at Faneuil Hall

Pursuant to the above Vote we the Subscribers do hereby Promise to Comply with, and Execute the Conditions contained in the Vote or Grant of the Town, at their meeting. held on the 18th day of this instant April in favour of the Petitioners.

Witnes our hands

April 22^d 1748

CHA APTHORP, Treasurer	} Comtee.
G. CRADOCK,	
E. HUTCHINSON	
J. GIBBINS	
S. GARDINER	
T. HAWDING	

And the Select men upon Considering of said Vote, Apprehended the said Proprietors of Kings Chappel and thereby Accepted said Grant from the Town and thereupon,

Voted, That the said Acceptance was fully satisfactory to the Select men, they performing the Conditions upon which said Grant was made, as are Expressed in said Town Vote.

May 10 1748

The Town entred upon the consideration of the Petition of several Freeholders that the Town would reconsider their Votes pass'd the 18th of April last; Relating to the Acceptance of the Report of a Committee then made for granting a Peice of Land to the Minister Church Wardens & Vestry of King's Chappel; and after a long Debate thereon the following Question was put Viz^t. Whether the Town will Sustain the said Petition, and it pass'd in the negative by a great majority.

March 10th 1748-9—

George Cradock, Charles Athorp Esq. & Dr. Sylvester Gardiner, Three of the Committee of King's Chappel attended the Select men and informed them that they had prepared a Deed of the several Peices of Land, and Priviledge Granted to the said Chappel by the Town on the Eighteenth of April last, & desired the Select men to Execute the same, which Deed the Select men perused and Apprehend the same is drawn agreeable to the Vote of the Town. and all the Select men (except Mr. John Tyng, Signed Sealed and acknowledged said Deed & then Delivered it to said Committee.

Note, Mr. John Tyng not being present was sent for and informed that the Select men desired he would come & Execute said Deed with them, but he answered m^r. Savell that he was busy, that the Select men knew his mind about it, that he would not sign said Deed, till the Articles were Complied with.

Mem^o. The said Committee at signing said Deed, promised the Select men, that when they removed the Dead, they would send for the Select men, and not remove them but by their Directions tho' they have obtained Liberty from the Relatives of the Deceased to remove them, as appears by a Writing under such Relatives hands.

NOTE.—Suffolk Deeds—76, E. 82. Thomas Hancock and others to Henry Caner and others. This is a deed made by the selectmen of Boston to the Wardens and Vestry of King's Chapel in 1748 for land taken from the burying-ground to enlarge the chapel.

May 3d 1749

Charles Athorp Esq^r. appeared in behalf of the Committee of King's Chappel, and informed the Select men that every thing was Completed at the new School house, by them Built for the use of the Town and therefore desired, that the Scholars may be removed out of the old School-house, into the New, that so the said Committee may go to Work in laying the Foundation of their Church.

July 19 1749

Charles Athorp Esq^r. one of the Committee of Kings Chappel appeared, and informed the Select men that they were now Digging of the Trenches for the Foundation of their Church, and desire that the Selectmen will see the remains. of several of the Dead Bodys removed.

Voted, That M^r. Williston be directed to Attend that Service & to acquaint the several Relations of the Deceased, as Occasion offers, and when no Relations are to be found to inform the Select-men of the same.

Aug 10 1748

Whereas Mess^{rs}. Joshua Blanchard and William Fairfield have desired the Liberty to Build three new Tombs in the old Burying place next mr. Cook's Land, they having the Liberty of the Relations of those Buried where the said Tombs are to be built. Voted, that Liberty be accordingly granted them, they Building a Wall the breadth of said Tombs as usual and keep the same in repair forever.

Nov. 28 1748.

Whereas Liberty was granted to Mess^{rs} Joshua Blanchard & William Fairfield on the Tenth of August last. to Build Three Tombs in the Old Burying place, next to mr Cookes Land and mr Blanchard being since Dead. It is allowed, that Deacon Jacob Parker be joined with mr Fairfield in the room of said Blanchard to Build the said Tombs they conforming to the Rules and orders mentioned in the said Vote of the tenth of August last.

July 19 1749

Deacon Jacob. Parker and mr Fairfield appeared and desired Liberty to, Build a Line of Tombs in the old Burying place next to mr Cooke's Land on the same Terms that were granted for three new Tombs the 10th of August last.

Voted, That Liberty be granted them accordingly, on the same terms that the said three Tombs were allowed to be Built—

May 15 1753

The Petition of the Committee of Kings Chappel, praying that Liberty may be granted them to Erect three Pillars of Stone on the Towns Land at the Easterly End of said Chappel — was Read, and thereupon., It was Voted that Thomas Hubbard, Esq^r. Henry Atkins Esq^r, Mr James Pitts Mr Stephen Greenleaf and Mr Jacob Parker be a Committee to View the place where it is propos'd said Pillars shall be Erected, and whether said Pillars will incommode or Obstruct a convenient Entrance into any of the Tombs near there, and make Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

May 28 1753

The Committee appointed by the Town the 15th instant, on the Petition of a Committee of Kings Chappel praying that Liberty may be granted them to Erect three Pillars of Stone on the Towns Land at the Easterly End of said Chappel now Reported that they had Attended that Service, and find that the three Pillars Petitioned for may be so placed as not to Incommode any Person, and that the Proprietors of the Tombs and Relatives of those buried thereabouts are consenting to the same, also Report as their Opinion that the Prayer of said Petition be granted and that the Petitioners have Liberty to Erect said three Pillars. provided they set them in the places propos'd by the Committee, the Southermost of Which to be at least, Six feet from the first step leading down into Mr. Fairfield's Tomb, and the whole three not exceeding Ten feet. from the Body of the Church, and that when they proceed to build them, that they notify the Proprietors of the Tombs and the Persons who have their Relations buried thereabouts to be present, which the Committee apprehend will be a proper Expedient to maintain Peace and give Satisfaction, provided also that if in breaking up the Ground, they find the Bones of any Deceased Persons, they put them into a distinct Box and bury them in some other place, provided also that the Land included between the Church and the three proposed Pillars, shall not be Inclosed — which Report being Read, after some Debate thereon, Voted, That said Report be and hereby is Accepted, and that the Petitioners have Liberty to Erect said three Pillars, in the manner. and on such Terms as are mentioned in said Report.

July 12 1758

Whereas the Gate of the Burying place by the King's Chappel is out of repair — Voted that M^r Oliver & M^r Cushing be a Committee to get the Same repaired.

Ap. 6 1761

Voted that Mr Thomas Williston have liberty to dig Graves &c, with Bond — and Roulston in the Common and Church Burying Ground —

May 18 1763.

M^r John Mico Wendell attended, and desired leave of the Selectmen to turn his Cow into the Church Burying Ground.

Oct 6 1773

The Selectmen have appointed George Roulston a Grave Digger in the Chappel & Common Burying Grounds in the room of M^r Bond deceased —

Mar 10 1774

Mess^{rs}. Austin & Pitts a Comm^{ee} to see whether Major Dows may be accommodated with a peice of Ground in the Church Burying Ground in order to enlarge his Tomb.

May 4 1774

Mr. Elijah Adams Sexton of the New South Church was appointed to the care of the Old Burying Place & the Burying Ground near the Granary.

Jan 18. 1775

Mr. George Roulston admitted to the care of the Old & Common Burying Ground in the room of Mr. Carter deceased.

Ap 16 1783

Mr. Nazro to acquaint Mr. Curtis, that he must lay before the Selectmen next Wednesday, a list of the Persons who own Tombs. in the Chappel Burying Grounds the Common & North Burial Grounds —

Mar 3d 1784

Upon the application of Mr. Henry Prentice for himself & Mr. Enoch Brown, he is informed that the Selectmen have no objection to their opening the Tomb antiently belonging to one Pool in the Church Burying Ground so called —

July 30 1788.

Mr. Scollay a Committee to get the small Piece of Fence on School Street at the Chapel Burying Ground to be painted —

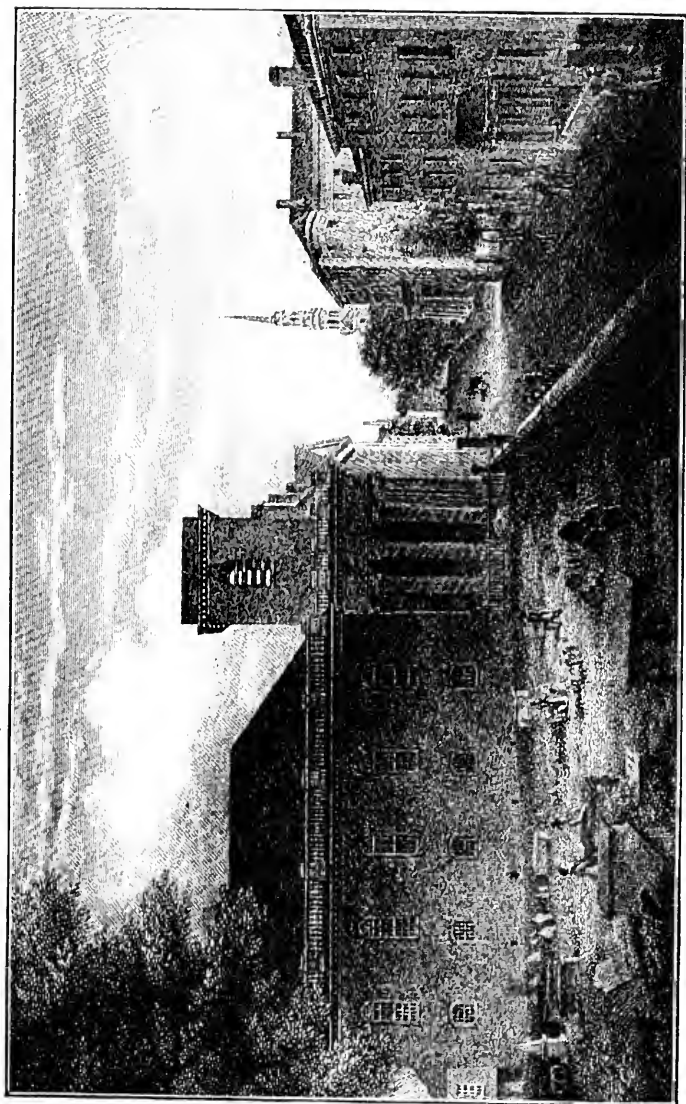
Sep 30 1789

Liberty is granted to M^r. Samuel Salsbury, to build a Tomb in the Chapel Burying Ground —

October 14 1789

M^r. Sever & M^r. Scollay a Committee to view the burying Ground near the Stone Chapel, and Report whither a spot can be had, for accommodating Capt. Ford with a Tomb —

NOTE.—The portico of King's Chapel was completed in 1789, and the expense of construction was partly raised from holding an oratorio in the chapel, at which Gen. George Washington attended, "attired in a black velvet suit and gave five guineas."



KING'S CHAPEL BURYING GROUND 1833.



Mar. 31 1790.

Mr. Scollay & Col^o. Crafts, on the application of Mr. Honnywell for buliding three Tombs at the Chapel Buryal Ground, are appointed a Committee to view the Ground and permit or not permit as they shall Judge best.

April 7 1790

Mr. Ludden Sexton of the old Brick Meeting appointed to the care of the Chapel burying Ground.

April 21 1790

The Committee on Mr Hunnewells Petition for liberty to erect three Tombs at the Chapel Burial Ground — Report, that liberty be accordingly granted, — and said Report is accepted by the Selectmen —

See March 31 — given

Ap 28^t 1790

On the application of Mr. Treasurer Hodgson Mr Hunnewell is permitted to build a Tomb on the Spot prayed for.

Mr Hunnewell having applied for his Father, has liberty to build a tomb At the Chapel Burying Ground.

March 20 1793.

Voted. that Mr Scollay be directed to put the Gates to the Chapel Burying Ground in good order, and if necessary have new Gate Posts—

1829

At a meeting of the Proprietors of Tombs. in the Chapel Burying Ground., bounding on Tremont Street, holden Aug^t 12 1829

Voted —

That a Committee be appointed to ascertain what the expence would be of a brick wall of similar dimensions with the present, using or selling the bricks. now on the ground, with such new bricks as may be necessary & the amount of such cost shall be assessed equally on each Tomb, provided the City will erect a good and sufficient wall the proprietors reserving all their present rights to them, their heirs & assigns it being understood the owners of each Tomb will be answerable for their proportion of such expence and no more.

Mess^{rs} Samuel Aspinwall & T. W. Phillips were appointed a Committee to ascertain what the expence would be, of such a wall and should it not exceed twelve dollars to each Tomb to make the above offer to the City. Said Committee ascertained the wall might be rebuilt at an expence of Eleven dollars & 50 cents for each Tomb.

Attest :

T. W. Phillips —
Sec.y.

Ordered —

That the Mayor with such of this Board as are of the Committee on Public Buildings are authorized to build a Wall of Granite in front of the Burying Ground near the King's Chapel so called, and that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be appropriated to this purpose, provided a sum sufficient to defray the residue of the expence of such wall can be obtained by assessment on the Proprietors of the Tombs or otherwise —

Subscribers			
Thomas Dennie	20		\$265
Benjamin P. Homer	20	Paul D. Richards	5
L. M. Sargent	20	Eliza th & Lydia Gale	11.50
T. W. Phillips	11.50	Salisbury	10
for Rev ^d . Mr Holmes		James Andrews -	12
Sam ^l H. Hewes	20	Jonathan Phillips	100
for Paine & Newman heirs			
Thomas Howe	11.50		\$403.50
Joseph Tilden	20		
John Welch	20	Non subscribers assessed	
Paul Wheelock	20	Wm H. Boardman heirs	
William Wild	20	John S. Tyler	
Calvin W Clark	11.50	Samuel Wheenwright	
George Brindley	11.50	Boutineau's heirs	
Turner Phillips	5	Hinkley & Aspinwall	
Jesse Putnam	4	Murphy -	
Chauncey Place Church	20	Jonathan Hunewell -	
Thomas L. Winthrop	20	eleven dollars each	
Pliny Cutler	10		\$80.50
	265 -		\$484

The wall was built by Daniel Copeland
Aug 1830.

and cost — 935
Iron Gate — 50
\$985

This agreement made this twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty. By and between Daniel Copeland Jun^r. Mason and the City of Boston, Witnesseth; That said Copeland promises and agrees for a sum hereafter mentioned to furnish all the labour, and materials that shall be required in taking down and rebuilding a Fence in front of the Chapel burial ground on Tremont Street. Vizt. Said Copeland is to take down the old brick wall to the surface of the ground and carefully preserve the Inscription Stones, Repair the old foundation and build thereon a fine hammered Granite Stone Wall of the following description. The length, height and style of architecture to conform to a plan drawn by M^r I: Rogers and signed by the parties.

The base course. is to be eighteen inches thick making the whole thickness of the wall, height as pr plan. The posts the same thickness, and the capping of the wall twenty inches thick, all these stones are to be of the blue Quincy Granite and of a uniform colour. The four intermediate courses between the cap & base are to be of the white Concord or Chelmsford stone, these four courses are to be backed up with bricks making the wall above the base. sixteen inches thick, the inside four inches is to be laid with hard burned face bricks & jointed, leaving a recess over each Tomb for the old inscription stones fix in said, in a faithful manner with Iron clamps, All of said Stone Wall, and the posts that will be seen from the Street are to be as well hammered as the front of the Tremont Theatre and the whole pointed with a raised joint., except the cap which is to be laid in and pointed with Roman Cement. The whole work is to be done in a substantial manner and under the direction of the Committee and to their acceptance: Said work is to be commenced forth with and finished as soon as practicable. In consideration for all such work and materials said City of Boston promises and agrees (by its Committee) to cause to be paid to said Copeland the sum of Nine hundred and thirty five dollars in full compensation for all labor and materials to be furnished by him in the execution of said work.

In testimony, whereof, the said City of Boston by the Mayor for that purpose, authorized by a Vote of the Mayor and Aldermen on the 14th day of June current, and the said Copeland have hereunto set their hands the day and year before written —

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of.

S. F. McCleary

H. G. Otis

Daniel Copeland
Junr

The Chapel ground contains a tomb called the Charnel-house which belongs to the City which has not been used for a great number of years. It would be for the interest of the City to have this old tomb repaired and fitted up for the deposit of Children which is much wanted. The expence is estimated at about \$100 —

For the Committee

HENRY FARNAM

City Hall.

In Board of Aldermen

May 27th 1833

That the same Committee be authorized to repair the Charnel house (so called) in the Chapel Burying Ground, and fit the same for the deposit of the bodies of Children —

NOTE. — In 1833 the Wardens and Vestry of Kings Chapel were given permission to enlarge the vestry of the chapel on the east line.

TO HON. MAYOR & ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

It being desirable to enlarge the Vestry room of Kings Chapel, permission to extend it to the easterly wall of the burying ground is respectfully requested by

FRANCIS J. OLIVER	} Wardens of Kings Chapel.
WM. MINOT	

BOSTON 4 Aug^t 1833.

The Committee report that permission be and hereby is granted to the petitioners to extend or enlarge the Vestry of "King's Chapel" in the manner they propose, but under the direction and agreeable to the plan of the superintendent of burying grounds, as to preserving a free passage, sufficiently large & commodious to enter the burying ground from School Street.

J. BINNEY
B. FISK

CITY OF BOSTON,

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 4, 1835.

Ordered, that the Committee on burying grounds be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, chargeable to the appropriation for burying grounds, in the erection of an iron gate on the south side of the King's Chapel burying ground in School Street

A true Copy

Attest

S. F. McCLEARY

28½ Square Feet @ 78½ cents \$22.25

EPITAPHS AND HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT PERSONS BURIED IN KING'S CHAPEL GROUND.

Gov. JOHN ENDECOTT, died in 1665, and was buried in his tomb in the South (Granary) burying-ground. Although the bronze tablet on the gate of King's Chapel ground has his name inscribed thereon as having been buried in that ground, the record of 1721 gives the South ground as his place of burial, and the fact that the selectmen of the town ordered burials to be discontinued in the old burying-place in 1660, tends to strengthen the record of 1721 that the Governor built his tomb in the South ground between 1660 and 1665, the time of his death.

The record from the Selectmen's book is as follows :

At A Meeting of the Select men, Mar. 5th 1721.

Upon a petition of Mr. John Edwards of Boston Sheweth. That whereas there is a Tomb in the South [Granary] Burying place belonging to the late Governour Endicot, which has bin unimproved for many years, and there being no family in Said Town nearer Related to the Said Governour Endicot famaly then his, Desires he may haue Liberty granted him to make use of it for his family.

Granted that the Said John Edwards has Liberty to Improve the Said Tomb until a person of Better Right to it appears to Claim it.

JOHN ENDECOTT was a native of Dorchester, in Dorsetshire, England, where he was born in 1588. He came to New England in the ship "Abigail," which sailed from Weymouth, England, with the company of emigrants on board, on the 27th of June, 1628, and arrived at Salem (ancient Naumkeag) on September 8th.

He was one of the six original purchasers, of Massachusetts, named in the patent granted by the Council of Plymouth, March 19, 1628.

He was soon given the command of a military company organized by the settlers, with the rank of Captain.

He was chosen in London to be Governor of the Plantations in New England, and held that office until the arrival of Governor Winthrop, in 1630.

He was an assistant in 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633 and 1637 to 1640 inclusive.

He succeeded Governor Dudley in 1645 as Sergeant Major General, the highest military officer in the Colony, and held the office until 1649.

He was Deputy Governor, 1641 to 1644, 1650 to 1651, 1654 to 1655.

Governor, April 30, 1629, May 29, 1644, May 2, 1649, May 7, 1651, 1658, May 23, 1655, 1664, fifteen years in all.



KING'S CHAPEL BURYING GROUND [FROM SCHOOL STREET] 1903.

Here Lyeth y^e body
 of MR ADAM
 WINTHROP Aged
 52 Years & 9 Months
 DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 Aug y^e 3th 1700

ADAM WINTHROP, son of Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts. His only son, Adam Winthrop, Representative for Boston, and left a son Adam Winthrop, who was Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

HERE LYES
 INTOMBED THE BODYES
 OF THE FAMOUS REVEREND
 AND LEARNED PASTORS OF THE FIRST
 CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BOSTON

VIZ
 MR JOHN COTTON AGED 67 YEARS
 DEC^D DECEMBER THE 23rd 1652.

MR JOHN DAVENPORT AGED 72 YEARS
 DEC^D MARCH THE 15TH 1670

MR JOHN OXENBRIDGE AGED 66 YEARS.
 DEC^D DECEMBER THE 28TH 1674

MR THOMAS BRIDGE AGED 58 YEARS
 DEC^D SEPTEMBER THE 26TH 1715

REV. JOHN COTTON, the second or associate pastor of the First Church in Boston. Born in Derby, England, December 4, 1585. At age of fourteen entered at the University of Cambridge, and in 1606 took his degree of A. M. at Trinity College. Remained at Cambridge until 1613, when he was chosen vicar of the borough of Boston in Lincolnshire. Preached there twenty-one years, then came to Massachusetts, and arrived in Boston, in the "Griffin," September 4, 1633, and was admitted a member of the First Church at once.

On October 10 of that year he was ordained its teacher, and May 4, 1634, made freeman.

His house faced on what is now Tremont row, looking down Prison lane, now Court street.

REV. JOHN DAVENPORT. At the death of Rev. John Wilson, which occurred August 7, 1667, aged seventy-nine years, the vacancy was filled by the choice of Rev. John Davenport, then seventy years old. He died March 11, 1670, and was buried in the Oliver, or tomb of the First Church, in King's Chapel Ground.

REV. JOHN OXENBRIDGE of Boston, born January 30, 1609, in Daventry, England. Entered Lincoln College, Oxford, June 20, 1623; afterwards of Cambridge, where received degree of A. B. in 1631. He taught at Magdalen Hall in 1634. Went to Bermuda and had charge of a church. Returned to England, and in 1669 came to New England. Installed April of that year as colleague with Mr. James Allen, pastor First Church, Boston. Was made freeman 1670, and died December 28, 1674.

THOMAS BRIDGE was born in Hackney, England, in 1656, and was educated at Oxford. He came to Boston March 17, 1704, from West Jersey, and was installed as a colleague pastor with Messrs. Allen and Wadsworth, May 10, 1705.

He was appointed by the Governor and Council to accompany the commissioners in the unsuccessful expedition in 1707 against Port Royal. He received the degree of M. A. in 1712 from Harvard University. Rev. Thomas Bridge, senior pastor of the First Church, died in the fifty-ninth year of his age and the eleventh of his ministry, September 26, 1715.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridge, relict of Rev. Thomas Bridge, died May 22, 1722.

THOMAS OLIVER. Came with adult children to Boston. Was elder of the First Church. He was buried in the tomb which was afterwards owned by the First Church, and where the early pastors of that church were buried.

CAPT. ROBERT KEAYNE. Born at Windsor, England, in 1595. He was made a member of the Honourable Artillery Company of London, May 6, 1623. He came in the "Defence" from London to America in 1635, aged forty years. His wife Ann was thirty-eight years old, and his son Benjamin sixteen years old. He was the first commander of the Artillery Company. He died in the house he owned in Boston on March 23, 1655-6.

The exact spot where he was buried is not known, but as King's Chapel Ground was at that time the only burying-ground in Boston, it is believed he was buried within the limits of King's Chapel Ground.

JOHN WINSLOW. Married Mary Chilton in Plymouth, Mass., October 12, 1624. He was the elder brother of Gov. Edward Winslow, and came to Plymouth in the "Fortune" in 1621. He removed to Boston in 1656. Mary Chilton, as tradition comes down to us, was the first to leap from the boat to the rock now known as "Plymouth Rock." They were both buried in this tomb, which has the Winslow coat-of-arms engraved upon the stone.

Brig. John Winslow. Born in Boston, October 29, 1753; died in Boston, November 29, 1819. He saved the communion plate of the Old South Church from the British by burying it, and from the church steeple he witnessed the battle of Bunker Hill. Upon going to the battlefield he was the first person to discover the body of General Warren.

He was appointed Deputy Paymaster-General, and saved the public chest and important papers after the defeat of the army under Montgomery at Quebec, and at the battle of Ticonderoga.

Was in charge of a battery in the campaign against Burgoyne, and, at his surrender, took account of the captured stores. He was subsequently stationed at West Point and White Plains. On March 21, 1799, was made Brigadier-General of the Boston Brigade, and in 1809 Major-General of Militia. In 1788 was lieutenant, and in 1792 and 1798 captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

An infantry company was formed in Boston called the "Winslow Blues."

Original member of the Society of the Cincinnati, its treasurer, and was Treasurer of Suffolk County the last seven years of his life. His remains were placed in the Winslow tomb.

Among other notable descendants of the first John Winslow were Joshua Winslow, paymaster of the British forces in America; Col. Edward Winslow, Sheriff of Suffolk County and judge; Colonel Pollard, the first commander of the Cadets; Lord Lyndhurst, Admiral John A. Winslow, and ex-Mayor Nathaniel B. Shurtleff.

HEAR : LYETH
THE : BODY : OF : M^R
WILLIAM : PADDY : AGED
58 : YEARS : DEPARTED
THIS : LIFE : AVGUST : HE
1658

On the reverse side of this stone is the following:

HEAR . SLEAPS . THAT
BLESSED . ONE ◇ WHOES . LIEF
GOD . HEIP . VS . ALL . TO . LIVE
THAT . SO . WHEN . TIEM . SHALL BEE
THAT . WE . THIS . WORLD MUST LEVE
WE . EVER . MAY . BE . HAPPY
WITH . BLESSED WILLIAM . PADDY .

WILLIAM PADDY, merchant, Boston. Came in the "James" from Southampton, 1635, arrived in Boston June 3. Resided at Plymouth for a time, and was deacon of a church there. He represented Plymouth in the General Court of Deputies for Plymouth Colony in 1639.

He married (1) Alice Freeman; she died April 24, 1651. He married (2), in Boston, December 3, 1651, Mary Greenough.

Member of the Artillery Company, 1652; selectman, Boston, March 12, 1654-5, and was re-elected every year until his decease.

His gravestone was dug up on the north side of Old State House, near the centre door, June 18, 1830.

HERE LYETH INTER'D THE
BODY OF IACOB
SHEAFE OF
BOSTON WHO FOR SVME
TIME LIVED AT CRAMBROCK
IN KENT IN OVLD INGLAND
HEE DECEASED THE 22 OF
MARCH 1658 AGED 42 YEARS.

JACOB SHEAFE, born August 4, 1616, at Cranbrook, Kent County, England, and was the son of Edmund Sheafe.

He married Margaret Webb, September 7, 1643. He was a member of the Artillery Company, Boston, 1648; constable, 1651; selectman, 1657-8; clerk of Artillery Company, 1652. He died March 22, 1658-9, and was buried in King's Chapel Ground.

Francis Tomb

1807-

This Tomb. received the remains of

Hon HEZEKIAH USHER in 1656

and of his son Lt. Gov. JOHN USHER 1726

and of Mrs. ELIZA FRANCIS daughter of said Gov.

with their respective Families

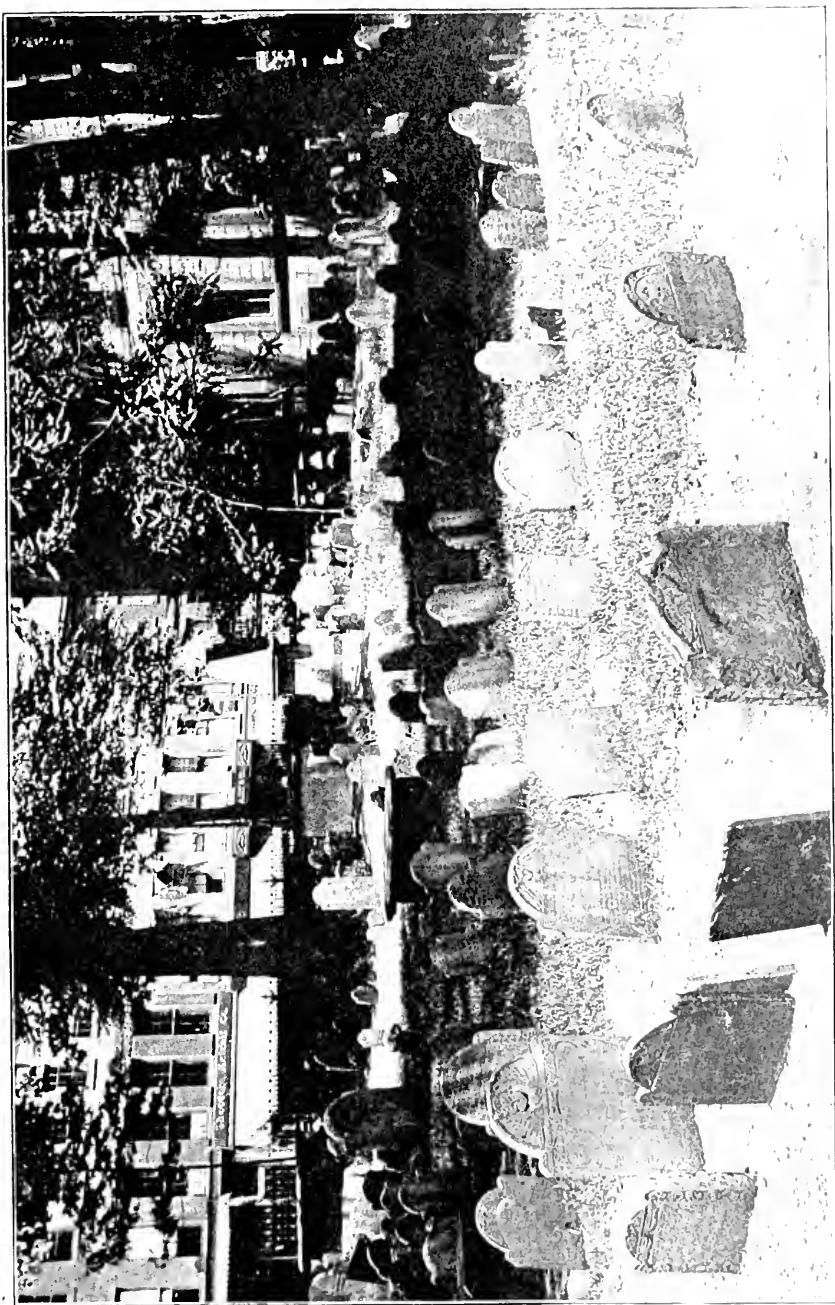
HEZEKIAH USHER. — He was of Cambridge, March 14, 1639; freeman, 1642; about 1645 removed to Boston. He is said to have been the first bookseller in New England; member of the Artillery Company, 1638; second sergeant, 1657; first sergeant, 1663; ensign, 1664; selectman, Boston, 1659, and held the office until his death, 1676.

In the winter of 1657-58 he went to England as agent of the Commission of the United Colonies, and bought, with money furnished by the London Corporation, a press, type, etc. The press was set up and was run by Samuel Green, and 1661 the New Testament in the Indian language was finished, printed, and distributed.

He was representative for Billerica from 1671 to 1673, inclusive.

He was agent of the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Indians.

He was one of the founders of the Old South Church. His



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daughter, Elizabeth, married Colonel Shrimpton; another daughter, Sarah, married Jonathan Tyng.

He died May 14, 1676, and was buried in his tomb in King's Chapel Burying Ground, which now belongs to the Francis family.

HEZEKIAH USHER. — born in Cambridge, Mass., June, 1639, and was the son of Hezekiah Usher, Sr.

He married Bridget, widow of Leonard Hoar, who had been president of Harvard College, and daughter of Lady Alicia, widow of Lord Lisle, the regicide. He resided some years in Groton, Mass. In 1692 he was accused of witchcraft and confined in the common prison. He finally escaped to the house of a friend.

A member of the Artillery Company, 1665 — he died at Lynn, July 11, 1697. His remains were brought to Boston, and laid in his father's tomb, July 14, 1697.

The following epitaph, written a short time after Governor Leverett's decease, is probably the eleven-line inscription engraved on the horizontal slab over his tomb in King's Chapel Ground, but the face of the stone is so much worn the epitaph cannot be deciphered. The copy of epitaph now given is taken from the genealogy of the Leverett family.

To y^e Sacred Memory of N.E's Heroe, Mars his Generall, & Vertues
standard-bearer, & Learning's glory, y^t faithfully pious, & piously
faithful
subject to y^e Great Majesty of Heaven & Earth, y^t Experienced souldier in
y^e Church Militant, lately Listed in y^e Invincible Triūphant Army of y^e
Lord of Hosts, y^e deservedly Worshipful Jn^o Leverett Esq^r y^e Just
Prudent,
& Impartiall Governo^r of y^e Mattachusetts Colony, In N—E who sur-
rendered
to y^e all Conquering Command of Death, March, 16, Anno Dom, 1678
et ÆTATIS SUE 63. 9

The Leverett tomb is numbered 30, and the Governor and the members of his immediate family, Secretary Isaac Addington and many other noted personages were buried in this tomb.

JOHN LEVERETT was born July 7, 1616. He came with his parents, Rev. John Cotton, and others, in the "Griffin." He joined the First Church July 14, 1639.

He was the son of Thomas Leverett, the ruling elder of the First Church, who had been Alderman of Boston, England. He sailed from London, and arrived at Boston, September 4, 1633.

He joined the Artillery Company 1639; clerk of the company, 1641; junior sergeant, 1642; senior sergeant, 1643; lieutenant, 1648; commander, 1652, 1663, and 1670. He was appointed captain under Sergeant-major Gibbons, August 12, 1645, to take the field against the Narragansett Indians; captain of a troop of horse in 1652; and, same year, captain of South Company. In

1662, granted one thousand acres of land in consideration of his services to the colony and five hundred more in 1671. On May 23, 1666, he was voted "thanks" by the General Court, and one hundred pounds gratuity for his care and pains in completing the batteries of Boston, and mounting the great artillery. In 1663, he was chosen Major-General of the Colony, and held the office ten years.

He was captain of a troop of horse in Cromwell's service in 1656.

Deputy for Boston 1651, 1652, 1653, 1663, 1664, 1665.

Speaker of the House, 1651, 1663, 1664.

In 1665 chosen from the House of Deputies to be an assistant and continued in that office until 1670.

Deputy Governor, 1671, 1672.

Governor, May 7, 1673 to 1678, and died March 16, 1679, while holding that office.

He went to England 1644-45; was appointed captain in the regiment of Colonel Rainsburrow, but soon returned to Boston. In August, 1676, King Charles II. conferred the Order of Knighthood upon him, but he concealed the fact during his lifetime.

He was sent with Edmund Hutchinson on an embassy to Miantonomoh, Sachem of the Narragansetts, in 1642.

In 1654, he held a command under General Sedgwick in expelling the French from Penobscot.

Governor Leverett's second wife was a daughter of General Sedgwick, and she died January 2, 1704, aged seventy-four years, and was buried January 8.

Governor Leverett died March 16, 1679, and was buried with great pomp, March 25, in King's Chapel Ground.

HERE LYETH BURIED

^E
Y BODY OF MRS

ELIZABETH DAVENPORT

WIFE TO MR JOHN

DAVENPORT AGED

73 YEARS DEC^D

SEPTEMBER ^EY 5TH

1676.

DEACON

THOMAS DYAR

OF WAYMOTH AGED 64 YEARS

DYED IN BOSTON

YE 15 OF NOVEMBER

1676.

BRATTLE TOMB

HERE LYES THE BODY OF M^{RS} ELIZABETH
BRATTLE DYED NOVEMR^R THE 9th 1682
ANNO ÆTATIS 44

Here Lyes The Body of MAJ^R THOMAS
BRATTLE. Who Dyed April the 5th
1683
Anno Ætatis 60

Here Lyes The Body OF M^{RS}. BETHIAH
P—RSON Who Dyed July The 4th 1—90
Anno Ætatis 24

Here Lyes The Body of THOMAS
BRATTLE Esq One Of Her Majesties
Justices For The County OF Suffolk
& Treasurer of Harvard College
Who Dyed May The 18th 1713
Anno Ætatis 55.

MAJOR THOMAS BRATTLE was of Charlestown, 1656; removed to Boston, 1657. He was appointed cornet of the Suffolk Troop, May 30, 1670; lieutenant, October 13, 1675; captain, May 5, 1676; member of the Artillery Company, 1675.

On September 8, 1675, by order of the Council, Cornet Thomas Brattle, with a troop of horse under his command, went to Groton. He was with the forces at Narragansett. May 15, 1676, his command killed twenty of the Indians; May 24, following, he fought the Indians at the falls of the "Pocatuck River," and June 30, 1676, he was sent on an expedition to Mount Hope; he was one of the founders of the Old South Church; representative for Lancaster in 1671 and 1672, and councillor 1678 and 1679; member of the Artillery Company in 1675; was a member of the commission to King Philip, with Captain William Davis and Captain William Hudson, at Taunton, in 1671; selectman, Boston, 1671 to 1683, inclusive.

HERE LIETH BVRIED

The Body OF WILLIAM
AVEARY, Aged Abovt
65 Years Died
Mearch The 18th. 1686—

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MARY AUEARY

Aged 78 Years

Died May ^ey 21^s

1707—

Dr. WILLIAM AVERY was of Dedham as early as 1653. His first wife died in Dedham, September 28, 1678.

He established the first apothecary's shop in New England.
Member of the Artillery Company. Represented Springfield,
1669.

LADY ANNE ANDROS arrived in Boston, October 17, 1687, and died January 22, 1688, and was buried February 10. Funeral services were held at the South Meeting House.

Her remains were placed in the tomb, afterwards the Dr. Benjamin Church tomb, in the north part of the old burying place, and is now the property of the Phillips family.

It is handed down by tradition that Dr. Church was a distant relative of Lady Andros, and that many years ago one of Dr. Church's relatives repaired the tomb, and found a stone slab on the floor of the tomb with this inscription :

"here lies the bones of Lady Anne Andros"

In 1857 a tall marble monument was erected over this tomb by the Turner family.

Front :

PHILLIPS

East Side :

TURNER PHILLIPS

DIED SEPT 13 1836

ABIGAIL PHILLIPS

DIED DEC. 6. 1837

AGED 81 YEARS

West Side :

BENJ^N C PHILLIPS

DIED AUG 3 1828

AGED 53 YRS.

ALICE C PHILLIPS

DIED MARCH 1838

AGED 56 YRS.

North Side :

MARY PHILLIPS

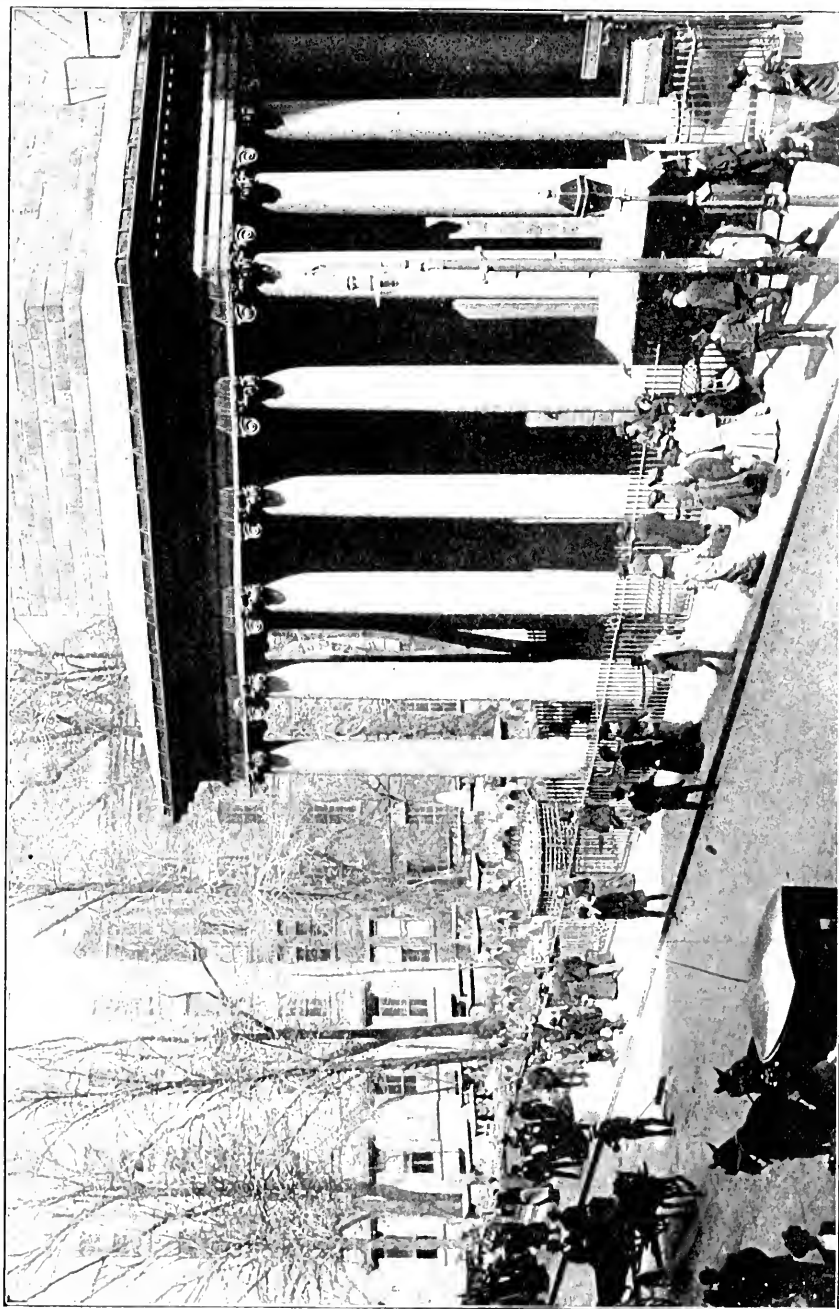
DIED MARCH 5 1857

AGED 66 YRS.

THIS MONUMENT

ERECTED BY HER

REQUEST



KING'S CHAPEL BURYING GROUND [LOOKING NORTH] 1903

KING'S CHAPEL

HERE LYETH BURIED
^E
 Y BODY OF CAP^t,
 ROGER CLAP
 AGED 82 YEARS
 DECEASED ^E
 Y 2, OF
 FEBRUARY 1690.

CAPT. ROGER CLAP came in the "Mary and John" from Plymouth, England, and settled in Dorchester, Mass., 1630. He was born April 6, 1609, in Salcombe, Devonshire County, England. Freeman, Dorchester, 1634. One of the founders of the church in Dorchester. Was lieutenant of the Dorchester train band, 1644, and afterwards its captain. Member of the Artillery Company of Boston, 1646. Second sergeant Artillery Company, 1647; lieutenant of that company, 1655. Representative from Dorchester, 1647 and 1652 to 1665, except 1658 and 1671.

In 1659 the General Court granted him 500 acres of land.

On August 10, 1665, the General Court appointed him to command Castle William, and he held the command till 1686, and resigned.

He died February 2, 1690-91, and his gravestone is standing in King's Chapel Ground.

[Tomb. Coat of Arms.]

Here lyeth Interred

the body of Major

Thomas Savage

aged 75 years dec^d

the 15 of February

1681
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MAJOR THOMAS SAVAGE was a son of William Savage, and born in Taunton, England, in 1606. Came to Boston, April, 1635. Freeman, May 1636.

Married (1) Faith, daughter of William and Ann Hutchinson. She died February 20, 1652, and he married (2), September 15, 1652, Mary, daughter of Rev. Zachariah Symmes of Charlestown.

Representative from Boston in the General Court, 1654-57, 1659-62, 1677 and 1678, ten years.

In Hingham, 1663, and in Andover, 1671. Presided as Speaker, 1659, 1660, 1671, 1677 and 1678. Assistant, 1680 and 1681.

In 1669, one of the founders of the Old South Church.

In King Philip's war he was commissioned as major of the Massachusetts forces under Major-General Denison. He had under his command the troop of Captain Paige and foot com-

panies of Captain Henchman, Captain Prentice and Captain Moseley, numbering 300 men.

In the spring of 1675-6 he was again in command as major, and marched against the Indians, and Philip was killed in the Swamp fight.

He was elected a member of the Artillery Company of Boston in 1637; second sergeant, 1639; first sergeant, 1640; lieutenant, 1641 and 1645; captain, 1651, 1659, 1668, 1675 and 1680.

He died February 15, 1681-2, and was buried in King's Chapel Ground.

[Tomb.]

Founded 1670

By CAPT. WILLIAM DAVIS

died May 1675, and here deposited

Repaired & Rebuilt July 1810

by his Great Grandson

EDW^d DAVIS.

CAPT. WILLIAM DAVIS. Elected a member of the Artillery Company, 1643; admitted to church July 28, 1644; freeman, 1645; selectman, Boston, 1647, and from 1654 to 1661, inclusive, and from 1670 to 1675, inclusive.

One of the founders of Old South Church, 1669. Lieutenant, 1652; captain, 1656, of the Suffolk troop, and commanded a troop of horse in Ninigret's war.

Was appointed with General Leverett, afterwards governor, to visit the Dutch governor, Stuyvesant, at New York, in 1653, and was commissioner to King Philip at Taunton in 1671, in company with Captain Hudson and Thomas Brattle.

Captain Davis accompanied the force of Captain Thomas Lake in the expedition to Kennebec in 1676, and with him escaped at a back door, when the Indians had gained the fort, to the water's edge, where Captain Lake fell. Captain Davis, though wounded, escaped. He represented Springfield in House of Representatives in 1652, 1666, 1671 and 1672. He married a daughter of William Pynchon, the founder of the town of Springfield, and a member of the Court of Assistants.

Captain Davis represented Haverhill in 1668.

He was fourth sergeant of the Artillery Company, Boston, 1645; ensign, 1652; lieutenant, 1659 and 1663; captain, 1664, 1672.

He resided on State street, formerly King's street.

He died May 24, 1676, and was buried in King's Chapel Ground.

HERE LYETH BURIED
Y^e BODY OF CAPT
JOHN MELLOWS
AGED ABOUT 25
YEARS DEC^r
FEBRUARY Y^e 14—
1682

CAPTAIN JOHN MELLOWS.—Born in England; made freeman, 1671. Had a grant of land in the Stonington country. He died February 14, 1682. His widow, Martha, married Deane Winthrop, sixth son of first Gov. John Winthrop.

HERE LYETH BURIED
Y^e BODY OF CAPT
WILLIAM HUTSON
Aged 67 Years
DEPARTED THIS LIFE
DECEMBER Y^e 6
1680.

CAPT. WILLIAM HUDSON was a member of the Artillery Company, Boston, in 1640; freeman, October 12, 1640. He went to England and served as ensign in the company of John Leverett, under Israel Stoughton, Rainsburrow's regiment, in the Earl of Manchester's army, on the side of Parliament.

The 200 soldiers to be raised in Massachusetts in 1664, for the expedition against the Dutch, were to be commanded by Capt. Hugh Mason and Capt. William Hudson.

He was appointed on the commissions to King Philip in 1671, in company with Capt. William Davis and Thomas Brattle.

He was lieutenant in a militia company in Boston in 1654; captain of the same company in 1661; fourth sergeant of the Artillery Company, 1646; third sergeant, 1647; second sergeant, 1650; first sergeant, 1651; ensign, 1653; lieutenant, 1656 and 1660, and captain in 1661.

HERE LYES
^E
 Y BODY OF
 JOHN MARION
 DIED JAN·UA
^E
 Y 27—1705
 IN Y ^E 86 YEAR
 OF HIS AGE

HERE LYES ^E
 Y
 BODY OF M^{rs}
 SARAH MARION
 WIFE OF Y ^E LATE
 MR JOHN MARION
 DIED FEBRY Y ^E 3^d
 1709 ^E 16 IN Y 85th
 YEAR OF HER AGE

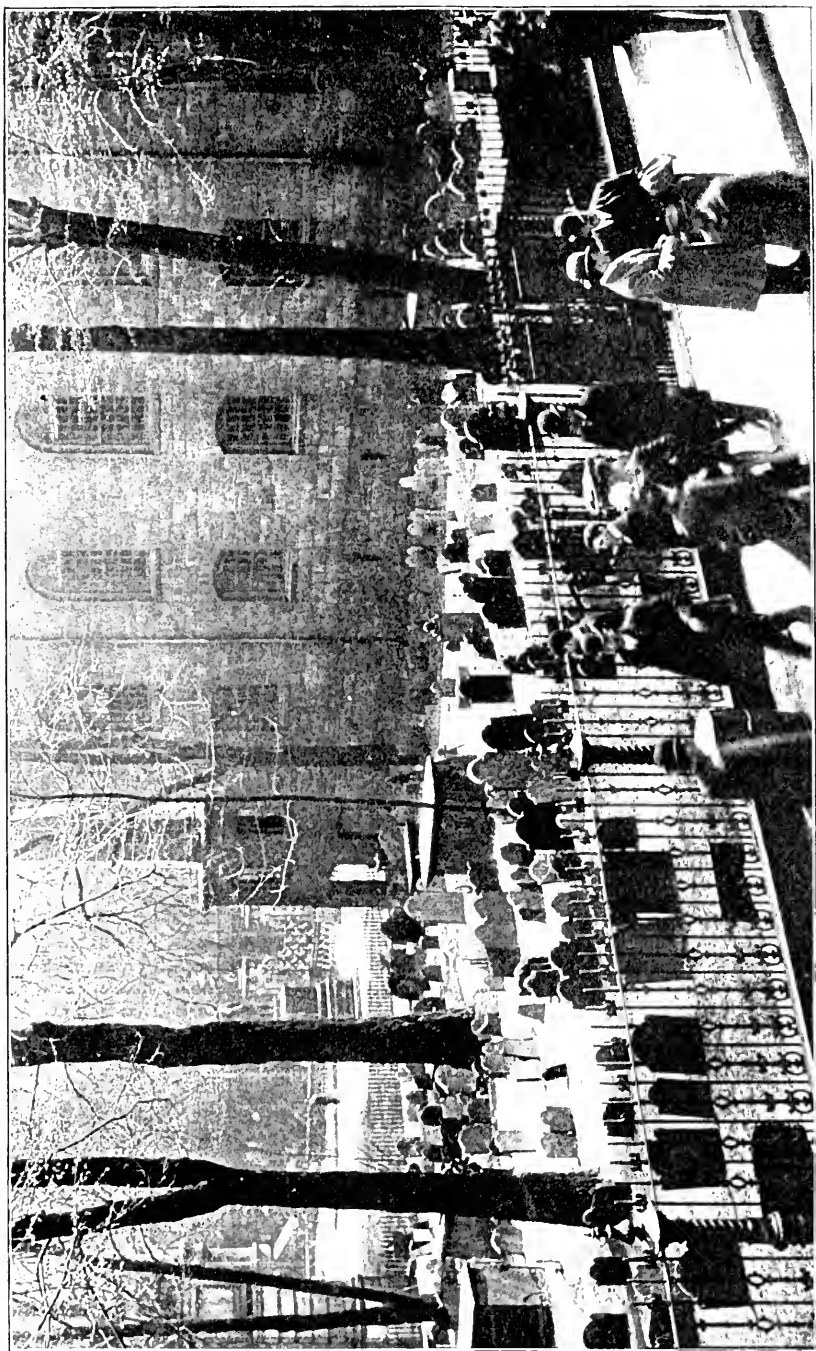
JOHN MARION lived in Watertown in 1641. John Marion and wife Sara, were admitted to the First Church in Boston, February 15, 1651-52. He was admitted a freeman in May 26, 1652. He died January 27, 1705. She died February 3, 1709.

HERE LYES BURIED
 THE BODY OF
 JOSEPH BRIDGHAM
 RULING ELDER OF
^E
 Y FIRST CHURCH OF
 CHRIST IN BOSTON
 AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS
 DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 JANUARY Y ^E 5TH 1708—₉

JOSEPH BRIDGHAM, son of Henry, born January 17, 1651-52; freeman, 1678; member of the Artillery Company, 1674; first sergeant, Artillery Company, 1691; clerk of the market, 1678-79; selectman, March 4, 1691-92, and also recorder at same time. Represented Northampton in the General Court 1690; and Boston in 1697.

On February 13, 1683-84, was appointed by the General Court, ensign of a company of foot.

He died, January 5, 1708-9, and was buried in King's Chapel Ground.



KING'S CHAPEL BURYING GROUND [LOOKING SOUTH] 1903. BRONZE TABLETS ON GATES.

HERE LYES INTERED
 THE BODY OF
 M^r JOHN JNDICOTT
 DIED DECEMBER $\overset{E}{Y}$ 7TH
 1711 IN $\overset{E}{Y}$ 70TH YEAR
 OF HIS AGE

JOHN INDICOTT, was warden of King's Chapel; was a cooper by trade; and died December 7, 1711, aged 70 years.

HERE LYES $\overset{E}{Y}$ BODY
 OF ELIZABETH EUSTES
 WIFE TO WILLIAM
 EUSTES DIED Oct^r
 $\overset{E}{Y}$ 2^d 1719 IN $\overset{E}{Y}$ 24TH
 YEAR OF HER AGE

[Tomb 16.]

JOHN POOLE, son of William; merchant; married Elizabeth (1677), daughter of Governor Brenton.

"November 10, 1711; Mr. John Pole died Nov^r 7th, w^s buried this day in a Tomb in the old Burying place. Bearers, Winthrop, Sewall; Addington, Corwin; Walley, Higginson. The Gov^r and many of the Council, there." — *Sewall*.

His wife, Elizabeth (Brenton) Poole, died October 17, 1694, aged forty-four years.

A horizontal slab, with the Poole family epitaphs inscribed thereon, is just south of Judge Dawes' monument. There was a coat-of-arms inserted in this stone, but it has disappeared.

COL. FRANCIS BRINLEY was a native of London, and was educated at Eton. He came to Newport, R. I., in 1710, at the invitation of his grandfather, Francis Brinley, who made him his heir.

In 1718 he married Deborah Lyde of Boston. They resided in the mansion called "Brinley Place," in Roxbury, which was taken down in 1902.

He was colonel of the Roxbury regiment, Deputy Surveyor of the province, one of the founders of King's Chapel. He died in Roxbury, November 27, 1765, aged seventy-five years. He was buried in his tomb in King's Chapel Ground.

HERE LYES BURIED

Y^e BODY OF CAP^T

JOHN ALDEN

WHO DEC^d FEB^{ry}

Y^e 1st 1729 —
30

IN Y^e 67th YEAR

OF HIS AGE

HERE LYES Y^e BODY OF

M^{rs} ELIZABETH ALDEN

WIFE TO M^r JOHN

ALDEN AGED 50 YEARS

DEC^d NOVEMBER Y^e

26th 1719

CAPT. JOHN ALDEN, Boston, mariner, born March 12, 1663; died in Boston, February 1, 1729-30, aged sixty-seven years.

He married, in 1684, Elizabeth, daughter of William Phelps, Sr. He had a son Gillam, and a son Nathaniel, who had a son Nathaniel. The gravestones of Capt. John, his son Gillam and grandson Nathaniel, are standing in King's Chapel Ground.

Capt. John Alden was a son of Capt. John Alden, eldest son of John Alden, the emigrant and Pilgrim of Plymouth and Duxbury, and Priscilla, "the Puritan Maiden."

Capt. John, Sr., was born in Plymouth, Mass., 1622; freeman 1648, mariner, and 1659 removed to Boston from Duxbury.

Was an original member of the Old South Church at its organization in 1669.

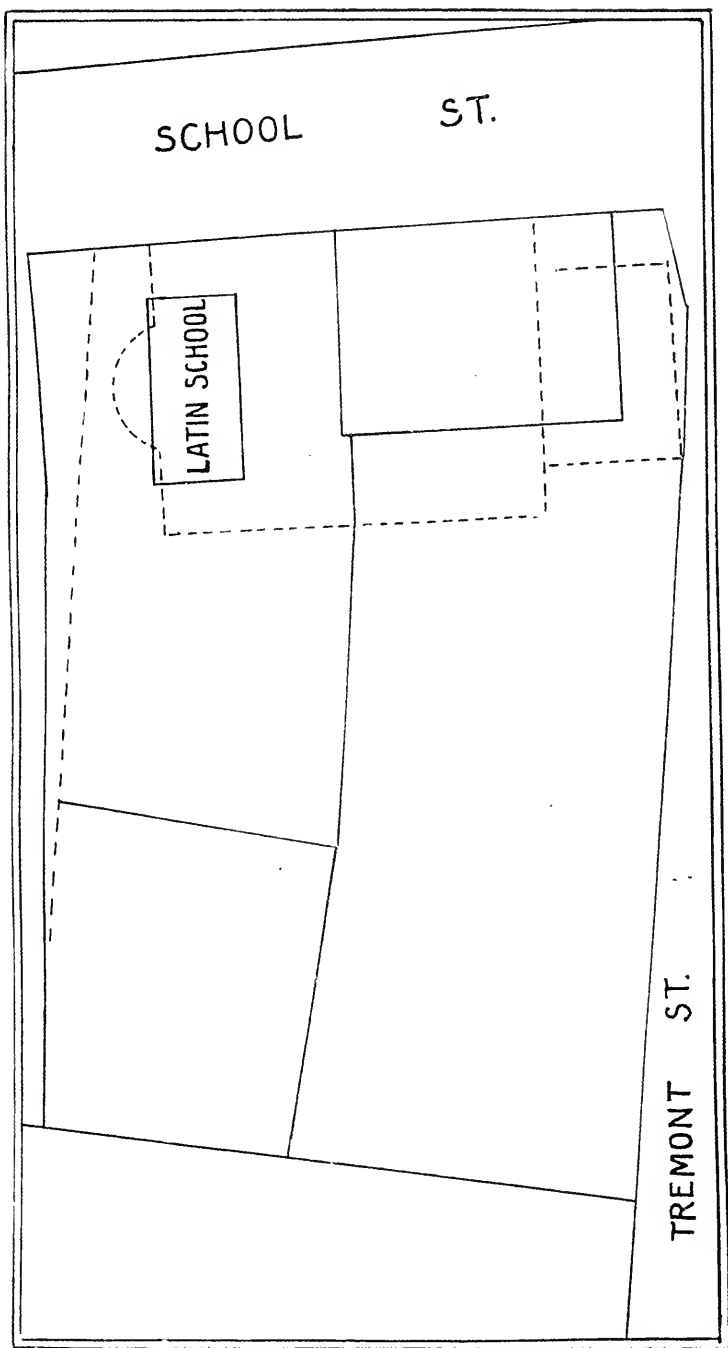
He sailed for many years as a ship-master. John Hull records in his Diary, "1669 11th mo. Master John Alden went to England in ketch Friendship being three-fourths mine."

BENJAMIN MOUNTFORT arrived in Boston, in ship "Dove," from London, in 1675. He was a brother of Edmund and Henry Mountfort.

He was a merchant, and one of the founders of King's Chapel, of which he was warden in 1690 and 1696.

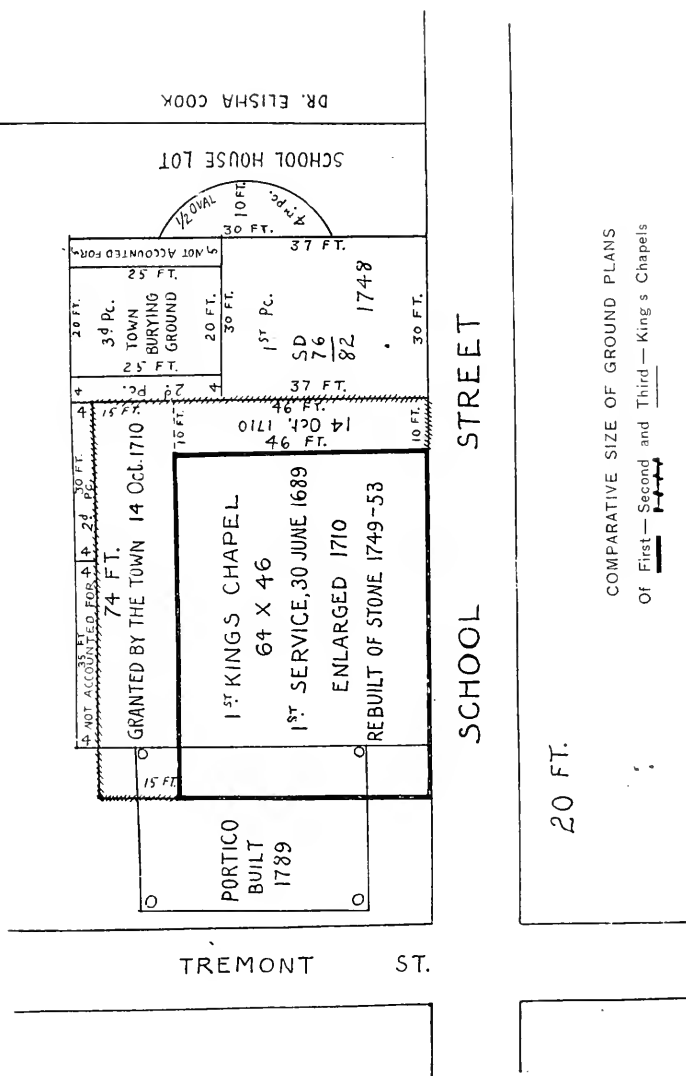
In 1679 was a member of the Artillery Company.

He married Rebecca Foster of Dorchester. His will was proved September 7, 1714. His remains were buried in King's Chapel Ground.



ANCIENT PLAN OF FIRST BURIAL PLACE
(King's Chapel Ground)

40 FT.



SCHOOL STREET

20 FT.

COMPARATIVE SIZE OF GROUND PLANS
Of First—Second and Third—King's Chapels

Commissioner for the town, August 24, 1691; representative, 1693-4-5; selectman, 1694-5.

Governor's Council from 1703 to 1728. Was a member of the Old South Church. He died June 2, 1734, aged eighty-six. Was laid in his tomb in King's Chapel Ground.

ABIGAIL BROMFIELD, grand-daughter of Hon. Edward Bromfield and daughter of Edward, his son, was born January 9, 1726, and married, June 13, 1744, Hon. William Philips, who was Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts.

EDWARD BROMFIELD, the builder of the first organ made in America, died August 18, 1756.

LIEUT.-GOV. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, died May 26, 1827, and was buried in the Bromfield tomb.

COLONEL THOMAS FITCH, merchant, of Boston, son of Thomas and Martha (Fiske) Fitch, and was born, February 5, 1668-9, in Boston. He married Abiel, daughter of Rev. Samuel Danforth of Roxbury. Her mother, Mary (Wilson) Danforth, was the youngest child of Rev. John Wilson of Boston.

He joined the Artillery Company, Boston, 1700; and that year was captain of a company of militia in Boston. In 1712 was major of a Boston regiment of militia, and was afterwards lieutenant-colonel and colonel.

Was first sergeant of Artillery Company, 1701; ensign, 1703; lieutenant, 1705; captain, 1708, 1720 and 1725.

Selectman of Boston, 1703 to 1705, inclusive.

Representative to General Court, 1709, 1711 and 1712; Councillor, from 1715 to 1730, inclusive, and 1734.

Associate Justice Superior Court, January 7, 1718-19.

He owned a part of the Common on what is now Boylston street; his heirs, in 1757, sold the lot, now the Central Burying-ground, to the town. He was a member of the Old South Church, February 7, 1691.

He died June 23, 1736, and was buried in his tomb, No. 19, King's Chapel Ground, now the property of the Pierce family, who descended from Colonel Fitch through the female line.

Tomb.

ENOCH BROWN & CAP^t HENRY PRENTICE

Here Repose the Remains Of

ENOCH BROWN ESQ.

born in Attleborough

1750

Died ———

1789-

ENOCH BROWN was born in Attleborough, Mass., about 1750. Hemarried Abigail Kendrick of Newton. She married for her second husband Captain Jonathan Freeman.

Tomb No. 16 was the joint property of Enoch Brown and Captain Henry Prentice prior to 1790, and Mr. Brown and his wife Abigail and Captain Henry Prentice were buried there.

CAPTAIN HENRY PRENTISS (Prentice), merchant, Boston, son of Rev. Joshua and Mary Prentiss, was born in Holliston, Mass., March 7, 1749. He married, in 1775, Ruth, daughter of Jonathan Freeman of Boston. He was present when the five citizens were killed on State street, March 5, 1770, by the British soldiers. He was a member of the "Tea Party."

He served as captain at the siege of Boston, Long Island, the crossing of the Delaware and at the battle of Trenton.

He was a member of the Artillery Company in 1786; was overseer of the poor, Boston, from 1784 to 1787; a sea captain, 1789; a member of Massachusetts Lodge of F. and A. M., February 9, 1789.

He died in Medfield, Mass., August 31, 1821, and was buried in Enoch Brown's tomb in the King's Chapel Ground.

[Tomb No. 3.]

WILLIAM TYLER'S TOMB.

WILLIAM TYLER

Born Mar 15. 1688

died July 1, 1758

ROYALL TYLER

Son of William Tyler

Born Sept. 8- 1724-

died. May 20- 1771-

John STEEL TYLER

Son of Royal Tyler

Born Mar 1- 1754-

died October 1. 1813-

WILLIAM TYLER of Boston was the second son of Thomas Tyler (who was the emigrant ancestor of the Boston Tylers) and Miriam Simpkins.

Thomas Tyler came from Budleigh, county of Devonshire, England, and was captain of a merchant ship.

William Tyler was born March 15, 1688; died July, 1758, and was buried in his tomb in King's Chapel Ground. He married (1) Sarah, daughter of Joseph Royall; she was born September 23, 1688, and died in April, 1740. He married (2) Jane Pepperell of Kittery, Me. There were four children by his first wife. Thomas married Bethia, daughter of Charles Little of Plymouth.

Royal Tyler, second son of William, resided in Boston. Graduated at Harvard University (B. A.), 1743; representative, 1760 to 1764, inclusive; one of the Sons of Liberty; member of the Council, 1764 to 1771, inclusive.

He married Mary, daughter of John Steel of Boston. He died May 20, 1771.

His children were (1) Jane; (2) John Steel, married Sarah, daughter of William Whitwell by his first wife; (3) William Clark Tyler, was aide-de-camp to Governor Bowdoin during Shays' Rebellion.

John Steel Tyler, son of Royall, was adjutant of Colonel John Hancock's Independent Company, and served in that command in Rhode Island in the Revolutionary War. Colonel John Glover commissioned him first lieutenant of the Fourteenth Massachusetts Infantry, February 5, 1776. He was buried in the Tyler tomb in King's Chapel Ground.

[No. 1.]

This Tomb encloses the Remains
OF JACOB WENDELL Esq
[the Original Proprietor of the Tomb]
& of SARAH WENDELL his wife
with many of their Posterity & other
dear Connections.

He died in the year 1761.

aged 72 years:

& she died in September 1762 Æ 65 Years

[Repaired by their only surviving Son]

Oliver Wendell July AD 1811

COL. JACOB WENDELL, merchant, of Boston, was ninth child of John and Elizabeth Wendell, and was born in Albany, N. Y., August 5, 1691. He married, August 12, 1714, Sarah Oliver, daughter of James Oliver of Cambridge. Colonel Jacob had four sons, Jacob, John, Mico, and Oliver. Judge Oliver Wendell, the youngest son, married Mary Jackson, and had Sarah, who married Rev. Abiel Holmes, and they were the parents of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. Margaret, the twelfth child of Oliver Wendell and Mary, his wife, married William Phillips, whose son, Hon. John Phillips, was the first Mayor of Boston.

He was a member of the Council, 1734 to 1760, inclusive; special justice of the Court of Common Pleas, justice of the peace.

He was lieutenant-colonel of the Boston regiment, 1733-35; colonel, 1736 to 1743; captain of the Artillery Company, 1735 and 1745.

He resided on Oliver street, and afterwards on School street, opposite King's Chapel. He died September 7, 1761, aged 70 years, and was buried in King's Chapel Ground.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF CAPT
THOMAS LOTHROP
AGED 37 YEARS
WHO DIED MARCH 4TH
1740

[No. 7.]

The Family Tomb Of
JAMES PITTS, ESQ.
1823

HON. JAMES PITTS. Graduated at Harvard University in 1731. Married Elizabeth Bowdoin, a sister of Governor Bowdoin. He died during the siege of Boston. He had three sons, John, Samuel and Lendall, and one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Colonel Warren of Portsmouth, N. H.

His eldest son, Hon. John Pitts, graduated at Harvard University. He was a man of wealth, a patriot, and one of the Provincial Congress. Was an associate of John Adams, Samuel Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock and James Otis. Selectman of Boston during the siege. He met General Washington and tendered to him, in writing, the thanks and congratulations of the town when it was evacuated by the British troops. He married a daughter of Judge John Tyng.

Samuel Pitts, the second son of Hon. James Pitts, was born in Boston in 1745; died March 6, 1805; married a daughter of William Davis, Esq., of Boston.

Lendall Pitts, the youngest son of Hon. James Pitts, was born in Boston, and died December 31, 1787. Was active in the struggle for independence and was a member of the "Tea Party." Married Elizabeth, daughter of Timothy Fitch, Esq., of Medford.

[Tomb.]

JOSEPH SEWALL

1816

JOSEPH SEWALL, born in Boston, March 9, 1762; merchant, Marblehead, 1785, at Boston, 1799. Was Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1827, 28, 59, 30, 31.

Married, September 21, 1788, Mary, daughter of Thomas, Robie of Marblehead, merchant, and of Mary, his wife, daughter of Rev. Simon Bradstreet. His wife died July 23, 1834, aged seventy-one years. He died May 5, 1850, in his eighty-ninth year, and they were buried in his tomb, No. 16, in the middle of King's Chapel Ground.

[Tomb No. 22.]

ARNOLD WELLS, merchant, Boston. Born in Boston, September 21, 1761. Graduated from Harvard University, 1780.

Married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Maj.-Gen. Joseph Warren. Married (2), 1806, Nancy (Brown) Lane. No children.

He was commander of the Independent Company of Cadets, 1801 to 1805, inclusive; member of the Artillery Company, 1811; brigadier-general, Third Brigade, First Division of Militia, 1810 to 1818; captain Artillery Company, June 3, 1811.

He died March 2, 1827, aged sixty-five years.

In Memory Of
Cap^t Winthrop Gray
Who Died June 3^d—1782
aged 42 years.

Tomb No. 22 was built in the year 1790, for Thomas Crafts and Thomas Bell. Thomas Crafts, Sr., father of Thomas, was the first deposited in the tomb. He died, 1794, aged eighty-two. Ann Crafts, wife of Thomas, Sr., died January 31, 1796, aged eighty-five. Thomas Crafts, born April 9, 1797, died August 26, 1798, aged thirty-one years. Thomas Bell, married Hannah Crafts, daughter of Thomas Crafts, Sr. Thomas Bell died November 23, 1808, aged eighty-two, and Hannah, his wife, died September 8, 1817, aged eighty-nine, and both were buried in this tomb. Five generations of the Bell and Crafts families are buried in this tomb.

Gov. WILLIAM SHIRLEY was son of a London merchant, and was educated at Cambridge, England. He arrived in Boston August, 1731.

He was Governor of Massachusetts from 1741 to 1756.

He was the prime mover of the successful expedition against Cape Breton in 1745, which resulted in the capture of Louisburg, which was heavily fortified, being the most important in strength in America. The army of New England men was 4,000 strong, commanded by Col. William Pepperell, and a small fleet under Commodore Warren. This force embarked at Boston, March 24, 1745.

In February, 1755, William Shirley was made major-general, and in 1759 was commissioned lieutenant-general.

He died in Roxbury, March 24, 1771, and was interred in tomb No. 18, under King's Chapel, with military honors, April 1, 1771. The funeral was attended by the Artillery Company.

JOHN COFFIN JONES, Esq.,
born 1749
died Oct. 25, 1829,
aged 79 years.

JOHN COFFIN JONES, born in Newbury in 1749; graduated at

Harvard University, 1768; merchant; representative for Boston; senator, and was President of the Senate; member of the convention held at Annapolis in 1786. Buried in tomb No. 16, under King's Chapel.

Chevalier de Saint Sauveur. On September 8th 1778 at 10 o'clock in the evening, a quarrel began between Americans and some French sailors in Boston. In this unfortunate affair, M. de Saint Sauveur a gallant French officer, who with Mr. Pleville, endeavored to put a stop to the riot, were seriously wounded, and M de Saint Sauveur died on the 15 of September.

Chevalier de Saint Sauveur was lieutenant of the 80 gun ship. Tonnant, [Count of Brengum, Chief of Squadron,] as aid with rank of Major.

The legislature of Massachusetts on September 16, 1778 passed resolutions condemning the outrage, and voted to erect a monument to his memory at the place of burial, and to attend in procession at his funeral to the place of interment.

Also "Resolved, that Col. Thomas Dawes be a committee to see the Monumental Stone erected accordingly."

The town Council also proposed to give him a funeral suitable to his rank, but these offers were declined.

Dr Samuel Cooper procured the use of a tomb in King's Chapel for the interment of the remains and according to the last wishes of the deceased; "eight sailors of the 'Tonnant' bore the coffin on their shoulders" says M de Grandos (secretary of the Royal Squadron) "I preceded them with the sexton and gravediggers; the Franciscan Monk, M. de Borda de Puyseur; the body servant of the deceased and perhaps two or three Frenchmen, formed the procession; we started in this order at ten o'clock, and arrived at the Church, called the Chapel of the King, found the basement of the church all illuminated with many candles; the reverend father deposited the remains without ceremony; the door of the vault was then closed and padlocked; we then returned to sign a certificate of interment, which I had already drawn up." ["Chapel of the King" was King's Chapel, but which tomb the remains were placed in is not recorded.]

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